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Referendum delights Delors

Irish 'yes' vote hailed as boost to Maastricht

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Maastricht treaty on European union was boosted yesterday by an overwhelming endorsement from the people of Ireland.

European Community leaders who have committed themselves to pursuing the ratifications of the treaty were relieved last night at the restoration of some of the momentum lost after the Danish "no" vote two weeks ago.

John Major warned Conservative rebels to toe the line, reaffirming that there would be no retreat from Maastricht. "We would lose our influence to determine events.

Our partners in Europe

would see Britain as political gazumpers who change their minds and their price after making an agreement," the prime minister said.

Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, congratulated Irish voters who chose "active involvement in the building of Europe rather than isolation without prospects". The intimidating reference to Denmark's choice is the closest the French commission president has come to criticising the rejection of the treaty on political and economic union. The unexpectedly strong support in Ireland has left EC diplomats and officials wary of predicting how voters may behave in France, where the only other referendum so far scheduled is due to be held in the autumn.

Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian prime minister, said: "For the first time since the Danish referendum a positive result has been given." Italian neo-fascists called for a referendum on ratification of the treaty.

João de Deus Pinheiro, Portuguese foreign minister, whose country holds the EC's rotating presidency, said: "I am obviously very happy. I hope it will be the beginning of a succession of 'yes' to Maastricht." Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, welcomed Ireland's "yes" and said he expected EC leaders at the Lisbon summit next week to reaffirm their commitment to the accord despite its rejection by Denmark.

In a result which exceeded even the most optimistic predictions of the Irish government, the referendum was carried by a margin of more than two to one — 68.7 per cent in favour and 30.79 per cent against — on a turnout of 57 per cent of the 2.5 million electors. The treaty was carried in every one of Ireland's 41 constituencies, some with margins as high as 75 to 25.

Exodus debate

A lively academic argument is about to erupt over a claim in a leading Egyptian newspaper that the site from which Moses led the exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt has been finally identified on the east side of the Suez Canal. Page 7

Rain stops play

Royal Ascot took a buffering as the south east was hit by torrential rain. The Lord's Test was also a victim of the vagaries of the English weather, with no play after

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Major tells Tory rebels not to gazump treaty

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major issued a sharp warning last night to Conservative party rebels that there would be no retreat from Maastricht after Ireland voted resoundingly for the treaty, giving the European Community a breathing space to rescue its deal on economic and political union.

Mr Major said that if Britain broke its word it would not be trusted again. "We would lose our influence to determine events. Our partners in Europe would see Britain as political

gazumpers who change their minds and their price after making an agreement. It is not the way this British government will behave."

His remarks, delivered at his Huntingdon constituency, reflected the prime minister's determination both to use Britain's forthcoming presidency of the EC to try to save the treaty, and to prevent the British government and parliament doing anything that could mean Britain being blamed if the agree-

ment is not honoured. Page 8

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Mortgage aid for jobless soars to over £1 billion

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE BILL for helping out the unemployed with their mortgage costs has increased by 75 per cent over the past year to almost a billion pounds.

The figures, confirmed yesterday despite some government sleight of hand, revealed that the bill increased from £54 million in 1990 to an estimated £949 million last year. The number of people receiving such help rose in 1991 by 100,000.

The huge increase in mortgage costs, which will have risen still further this year as unemployment has continued to climb, will increase pressure on an already tight government spending round, forcing further cutbacks in other public expenditure. The piecemeal release of the figures reveals the degree of ministerial embarrassment.

People on income support, a means-tested benefit for the unemployed, qualify for help in keeping up the interest payments on their mortgages. They get 50 per cent of the cost for their first 16 weeks without a job and up to 100 per cent thereafter.

In a written reply to a question from Nick Raynsford, the Greenwich MP and Labour's housing expert, the Department of Social Security confirmed that the department's estimates for mortgage assistance costs were £266 million in 1988, £353

million in 1989 and £554 million in 1990. But the reply said that the 1991 estimate would appear "in the 1991 annual statistical enquiry, which will be held at a secret place by the university's estate management department to fell the lush and rare 40ft tree to make way for a temporary workmen's hut."

In another reply to Mr Raynsford, the DSS confirmed that the numbers receiving help with their mortgage rose from 300,000 in 1988 to 310,000 in 1990. The 1991 figure confirmed yesterday was 411,000, an increase of nearly a quarter.

Mr Raynsford said yesterday: "This is a terrible indictment of the government's economic policy. Almost £1 billion a year is now required to help those at risk of losing their homes because of unemployment."

The latest departmental estimates, with a larger proportional increase in the costs than in the number being helped, suggest there is an increasing problem in London and the South-East, where mortgages are higher. They also reflect a growth in the number of long-term unemployed.

A DSS spokesman said yesterday that the average weekly mortgage assistance payment had risen from £34 in 1990 to £46 in 1991.

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Winds lift top hats at Ascot

By JOHN VINCENT

ROYAL Ascot took a battering yesterday as the South East was hit by torrential rain. High winds sent racegoers scurrying to retrieve flying top hats and the royal carriage procession along the course was greeted with flashes of lightning.

The Lord's Test was also a victim of the vagaries of the weather, with no play after lunch because of rain.

In Herefordshire, an accident combined with torrential rain brought traffic chaos to the M25. Tailbacks of 16 miles built up in each direction after the crash involving a car transporter, a box van and a car. Three people were injured, one seriously.

A woman was killed in a six-car accident on the A23 at Hickstead, West Sussex, and a mini-tornado lifted the roof off a school at Thorpe-le-Soken, near Clacton, Essex. Pupils had already been sent home and staff escaped injury.

A London Weather Centre spokesman said last night that most of the heavy rain had disappeared and that rain would be confined to Kent today.

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Chemists fear new syringes

By ALISON ROBERTS

THE government has failed to inform parents about new methods of administering medicine to children and babies, worried pharmacists say. New oral syringes, to be introduced at the beginning of next month, could harm children if parents are not told how to use them.

Pharmacists were promised a large advertising drive before the launch showing parents how to administer medicine by squirting concentrated doses into a child's mouth, but they say this has failed to materialise.

They fear that the lack of information could lead to overdosing or choking.

At present small amounts of medicine are diluted with syrup liquid to increase the volume. There was concern that this mixture was both harmful to babies' teeth and could destabilise the medicines.

The health department said that leaflets, to be given to parents when they collect medicines and syringes over the counter, would be ready by the beginning of July, but Mary Allen of the National Pharmaceutical Association said that this was not good enough.

Students dance to save 'scholar tree'

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

MORE than 100 undergraduates and dons linked hands to dance around an historic Japanese pagoda tree at Cambridge University in a strange and previously unknown conservation ritual. They were protesting at a secretive plan by the university's estate management department to fell the lush and rare 40ft tree to make way for a temporary workmen's hut.

The pagoda (*Sophora japonica*) was planted in 1957 by Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, president of the Cambridge Natural History Society, to commemorate the centenary of the world's oldest conservation society. Its long leafy boughs have shaded generations of students in the central court opposite the botany department off Downing Street in the city centre.

The estate management department has received planning permission from the city council to build the Macdonald Institute of Archaeology in the court, which will require the felling of a large lime tree in the southeast corner. Now the university has applied for permission to cut down the pagoda tree to make room for the hut. The estate management department claims in its application that the tree is suffering terminally from *Vermicillium fungigae* and that it has only 16 years left of a normal lifespan of 50 years.

But it had reckoned without the intervention of the redoubtable Max Walters, a former director of the Cambridge Botanic Garden, ex-president of the Natural History Society and one of the country's leading botanists. Dr Walters, who received leaked documents proposing the destruction of the pagoda, said yesterday that the famous specimen at Kew Gardens was planted in 1762 and that the maturity of a pagoda is marked by flowering that may take more than 30 years to occur after planting.

The tree in the courtyard has yet to flower and the fungus problems it has can be solved with water, fertiliser and a little trimming back," he said.

"This is all a red herring to get rid of the tree. There is more to this than meets the eye. There is no evidence that



Root of the problem: a protester beneath the 40ft pagoda tree yesterday

there is anything seriously wrong with it."

The tree, also known as the Scholar Tree, appeared in fine fettle yesterday as academics performed their dance and later staged a sit-down in a demonstration against its destruction.

Tom Wakeford, 21, a second-year natural science undergraduate, said: "It is ironic that the university proposes to fell this beautiful tree in the courtyard of a department studying global warming. This is an act of vandalism."

Simon Conway-Morris, FRS, said: "The application for destruction is linked to the health of the tree. But the real reason appears to be one of transient convenience when the building of the new institute starts. That tree might have more than a century of life left in it."

Nigel Sizer, 25, secretary of the botany section of the Cambridge Natural History Society and a specialist in the conservation of tropical rain forest, said: "I have spent years in my office and in Brazil trying very hard to sort

out new ways of promoting the conservation of Amazonian tropical forests and it seems that we can't even save a single specimen of a very special tree growing outside our window here in Cambridge from the ravages of corporate expansion."

David Todd-Jones, director of the university's estate management department, said that the professional scientific advice he had received was that the tree was unhealthy, but he agreed to reconsider its fate, depending on what Dr Walters told him.

Maxwell will fascinates experts

Robert Maxwell's flamboyant reputation lives on in his will. Ray Clancy reports on the fascinated reaction to its contents

pense and risk involved. It is the first time I have come across such a clause and it is indeed fascinating," said Richard Bark-Jones, a Law Society expert.

It is also unlikely, however, that anyone named in the will, including Mr Maxwell's former secretary Jean Baddeley who has been left £100,000, will actually receive a penny. Official receiver Peter Philips said that beneficiaries will go to the bottom of the queue after creditors. Who gets what will be decided by the courts.

Miss Baddeley is the only non-relative to be named as a beneficiary in the will. She was his personal assistant for more than 30 years and under the terms of the will is guaranteed a job in connection with the management of Maxwell's estate "upon the most generous terms of compensation that may be deemed appropriate".

She has always been fierce-

ly loyal to her former employer. "He borrowed it but had he lived he would have put the milk back in the bottle," she said of his dealing with the pension fund.

There were rumours that Miss Baddeley, marketing director of the Daily Mirror, would be left up to £10 million in the will but she dismissed them as rubbish. "I do not expect any payment. I have had the privilege of working for a genius and I have enjoyed every minute of it," she told reporters.

Some of the relatives named in the will are not well known in the public eye. Sylvia Rosen, his sister who is left £150,000, and a nephew and niece, Helene and Michael Atkin, have kept low profiles as scandal after scandal has erupted.

Wills in Britain are governed by the Wills Act 1837 which sets out guidelines for things that should be includ-

ed in an estate but does not mention anything that is unacceptable. "In general terms clauses in a will are measured by the courts against what is acceptable under current public policy," said Mr Bark-Jones.

A clause that encouraged someone to commit a crime or an immoral act would be deemed unacceptable but a wealth of silly and unusual things cannot be excluded such as the man who left money for a cat home to be built including dormitories, well stocked rat holes and a concert hall for the feline inhabitants to listen to accordian music for an hour a day.

George Bernard Shaw was obviously keen to leave a legacy of letters behind in his honour. In his will published in 1950 he left a considerable portion of his estate for the purpose of replacing the standard English alphabet of 26 letters with a more efficient one of at least 40 letters. This wish has yet to be fulfilled.

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Families watch the pennies

By PETER VICTOR

THE Maxwell household returned to situation normal yesterday. As normal as it could be that is, considering Kevin Maxwell faced fraud charges relating to more than £130 million. Normal life includes watching the family finances and querying the milkman's £2.12 bill.

On presenting his bill to Pandora Maxwell, Brian Shannon, a Dairy Crest employee, was asked: "How much is that?" He returned to his float and rechecked his books before returning and confirming that £2.12 was due for the past four weeks.

Mrs Maxwell paid up and then took inside three gold topped pints. The Maxwell milkman continued on his round and would only say: "People around here have more money than sense."

Afterwards Mrs Maxwell told reporters: "I was

charged the correct amount. I was not sure if they had received my last cheque and I wanted to make sure it was all right."

The first signs of life at the Maxwell's Chelsea house were the morning newspapers being pulled through the front door at 7.40am. Half an hour later Mrs Maxwell, feeling better disposed towards the press pack outside than she had on Thursday, opened her third floor bedroom window and asked: "Has something happened?" Later, Kevin Maxwell, smartly dressed in a grey suit, drove three of their four children — to school.

Ian Maxwell seemed to shrug off the worries of his future trial in connection with an alleged £35 million fraud as he left his home in Victoria, central London, at

8am with a wave for waiting journalists. Wearing a dark pin striped suit, he smiled and said good morning to the assembled media. With due concern for expenditure, he then rode off on a scooter.

Later, his wife Laura, looking calm and relaxed, left their £450,000 home just before noon to visit the newsagent and chemist. She steadfastly refused to comment on her husband's arrest.

The brothers met for an inexpensive pasta lunch at an Italian restaurant in Covent Garden. Kevin Maxwell asked for a quiet table "far from the madding crowd" and they sat talking and eating for a quarter of an hour before settling their £28.80 bill in cash. Watching the pennies, they left no tip.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister rejects bail enquiry call

The government yesterday rejected a call for an official enquiry into bail procedures after a woman was raped and strangled by a man awaiting trial. Andrew Hagans, 26, who had an 11-year history of sex offences, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Bristol Crown Court last week after being convicted of murdering and raping Mrs Anna McGirk, aged 23. A fortnight earlier Cheltenham magistrates had released him on bail charged with the knife-point rape of a 20-year-old woman.

After the case, John Butcher, Conservative MP for Coventry SW, called on the Home Office to institute a full departmental enquiry into serious crimes committed by people on bail. In a Commons written reply to him yesterday, Michael Jack, Home Office Minister, said: "Although I fully understand and share the concern that has been widely expressed about the implications of this case, I have no plans to institute any formal enquiry."

Lessons learnt from such cases were always taken into account in developing policy, Mr Jack said. "Steps have already been taken and others are in train to reduce the risk of such incidents occurring again."

Jackson tour hitch

Michael Jackson's tour of Britain and Europe was under threat yesterday as the aircraft bringing tons of equipment for the rock singer's concerts was banned from British airspace. The Department of Transport has refused to give a safety licence to the Russian Antonov 124 aircraft, on the advice of the Civil Aviation Authority. The London-based Edwin Shirley Trucking company had been planning to use more than fifty lorries to move concert equipment from Stansted airport to Wembley for concerts on July 30, 31, August 1 and 22. The Antonov is licensed under military safety standards, but not under the more stringent domestic safety standards. It has been used to fly beef to starving Russians.

MP at abuse enquiry

Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicestershire West, gave evidence yesterday at the enquiry into the running of children's homes in Leicestershire. The hearing was set up after Frank Beck was jailed for life for abusing children at the three county homes he ran. Its aim is to find out how Beck's 13-year reign of abuse, as allowed to continue. At his trial Beck, 50, claimed that Mr Janner had had a relationship with a former boy in care. Mr Janner, 63, who has vigorously denied the claims, submitted a written statement to the enquiry which is chaired by Mr Andrew Kirkwood, QC. Mr Kirkwood asked the MP to answer questions in person at the enquiry being held at Glebelands School, Leicester. Mr Janner said afterwards that he had not been asked about Beck's allegations.

PC inquest opened

An inquest was opened and adjourned into the death of Special Constable Glenn Goodman, 37, who was shot with Constable Sandy Kelly, 32, after stopping a car near Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, on June 7. PC Goodman, of Sherburn in Elmet, near Tadcaster, died later at St James's Hospital, Leeds. Philip Gill, Leeds coroner, said a post-mortem examination showed that PC Goodman had died of bleeding and shock, due to gunshot wounds to the abdomen. He released the body for burial and adjourned the hearing until the outcome of criminal proceedings against Paul Patrick McCree, 42, and Michael O'Brien, both charged with PC Goodman's murder and the attempted murder of PC Kelly, who is still in hospital. A police funeral for PC Goodman will be held in Selby on Wednesday.

Public school expels 10

A public school has expelled ten boys after pupils went on the rampage in an end-of-exams drinking binge. Three boys were also suspended from the £9,500-a-year Hurstpierpoint College, Hassocks, West Sussex, after the incident. Headmaster Simon Watson said he had no choice but to call in police after a common room bar was broken into and drink worth £700 stolen. Boys also broke into another pupil's study on the same night and beat him up. "There can be no excuse and no justification for the behaviour that we have experienced. It is completely out of character and has rocked a happy school to its roots," Mr Watson said in a letter to parents. All but one of the expelled boys was within days of leaving the school after taking A-levels. One pupil is expected to face theft charges.

Statue protest charges

Four men appeared in court yesterday charged with offences relating to the protest at the unveiling of the statue of Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris, head of Bomber Command in the second world war. Stuart Matheson, 21, of Bow, east London, Steven Hudson, 21, a student of Camden, north London, and Nicholas Underwood, 22, of Hackney, east London, were remanded on bail by magistrates at Bow Street, central London, until July 31. They were charged with going equipped to cause criminal damage at the ceremony in Strand, central London, on May 31. Mark Alidulmu, 26, of Hackney, pleaded not guilty to causing criminal damage and was remanded on bail until July 9. Four others charged in relation to the protest have already been remanded until July 14.

CORRECTION

The picture in Thursday's paper accompanying our report on the Bar Council was not of Gareth Williams, QC, the Bar's chairman. It was, in fact, of Lord Williams of Elvel.

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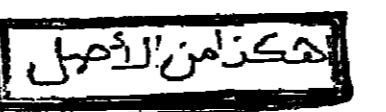
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Deputising services have effectively ended doctors' round-the-clock commitment, a Times survey finds

Most city GPs switch night calls to agencies

BY LOUISE HIDALGO AND RONALD FAUX

MORE than half the family doctors in towns and cities are using deputising services to answer calls from their patients at night and at weekends, despite a ten-year government campaign to restrict their use.

As doctors prepare to vote next week on whether to opt out of their commitment to providing round-the-clock cover, a Times survey has discovered that many have, in effect, done so already. Fifty-seven out of 100 general practices contacted said that they used private deputising agencies, who employ qualified doctors and are bound by a code of conduct.

Twenty-eight per cent used the commercial service to provide cover every night of the week, contrary to health department rules, most commonly after midnight. Some practices hand over responsibility for the entire night. The GPs at one Birmingham surgery pass patient cover to a deputising service at 7pm, resuming their duties at 8.30am.

This widespread use of deputies explains a change of thinking in the health department, where ministers are considering easing the restrictions on the services. Only last week, the Prince of Wales called on GPs to keep their commitment to 24-hour cover.

The Times survey found that the use of deputies is most prevalent in London, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow, which tend to have the busiest practices. Few rural areas are covered by deputising services, although many rural doctors are considering ways of reducing commitments to their patients.

Only a quarter of the surgeries contacted in London provided 24-hour cover themselves. Many switched to a deputising service after midnight, but one in ten used it to service most out-of-hours calls.

Nearly all GPs in the Manchester area use a deputising service for night calls. In greater Glasgow, 486 doctors out of 566 have permission from the area health board to use the service.

The health department had hoped to cut the reliance on deputies by introducing a two-fer fee for night calls two years ago, with the higher rate of £45 a call being paid to GPs who responded to their own patients. But the incentives appear to have had little effect. Healthcall, the country's largest deputising service, made 1.2 million deputed calls last year. At the Nightingale House

Additional research by Lucy Rock

surgeries in north London, the doctors provide rotating cover every weekend for their 6,200 patients, but after 11pm they switch to a deputising service. Jonathan Halford, one of the practice's three GPs, said: "The 24-hour commitment for doctors is important in maintaining continuity of patient care, and I'm a supporter of it. But during the night, it is only patients with acute conditions who call. They can be dealt with by any doctor, and we can take over the following day, refreshed by a good night's sleep."

John Cockburn, managing director of the Nestor Medical Duty Services group, claimed that many patients were indifferent to who turned up to an emergency, provided the doctor arrived promptly. "Deputising medical duty services have been in operation for more than 30 years in cities and large towns and they have proved very acceptable. Standards are strictly controlled by liaison officers appointed by the local health authority, and patients generally appreciate that their doctor has to have some time off."

The company covers for 2,500 GPs in the North West and Midlands, with deputies working six-hour shifts, answering 160,000 calls a year, an average of 12 a month for each GP. "This is a far more sensible and concentrated use of manpower. We provide the same cover with a lot fewer doctors," Dr Cockburn said.

Ian Donnan, who runs a new practice in Stockport, Greater Manchester, said that few doctors were available 24 hours a day. "When you think about it, that is not a reasonable commitment. It is not allowed for HGV drivers or airline pilots and, if you are dragged out of bed two or three times in a night, you don't give terribly good service the following day. This is recognised in many other professions and something which is increasingly under question in ours."

Arun Kumar Sinha, who runs a new practice in Cardiff, said that he had had only two days off in his first nine months and, in an average week, was called out five times during the night and a dozen times over the weekend. "I would dearly love to be able to spend more time with my family, but at this stage in building up a practice, I cannot afford to use a deputising service."

Additional research by Lucy Rock



All in a night's work Sri Lankan doctor Remy Stanislaus examining Mathieu Kohl. 3. Many deputising doctors are from overseas

'Patients suffer' when surgeries stay on call

AT 2.30am Dr Judy Gilley was searching a dark north London street for a patient's address when she noticed a car weaving towards her. The driver was a doctor from a neighbouring practice also looking for a patient. "It struck me how ludicrous it was to have two GPs out late at night in the same area who would not be performing at their peak in surgery next day," she said. "If we had to design an out of hours service from scratch we would not start from here."

She is not alone in her view. In a recent survey three quarters of GPs said they wanted to opt out of 24 hour cover, most reporting that they were on duty at least one weekend in four and one night per week. Their argument is that for every two or three patients who benefit from a night visit, 20 or 30 get a worse service from an over-tired doctor in surgery next day. They also resent having to stay alert and sober, in case a patient calls.

Increasing numbers have therefore contracted out night work to commercial deputising services. As our survey of GPs shows, more than half in urban areas use them to do at least part of their out of hours work. The

A survey of GPs has shown three quarters want to opt out of 24 hour cover, reports Jeremy Laurance

government has sought to restrict this growth. Limits on their use are fixed locally by Family Health Service Authorities in accordance with guidelines introduced in 1984 which specify that they may not be used every night and weekend.

To encourage a more personal service, a two-tier night visit fee was introduced in 1990 with the higher rate of £45 paid only if the GP (or a colleague in a rota of up to 10) makes the call. The fee is £15 if a deputising service visits, less than the cost to the GP of hiring the service.

The government argues that patients prefer to be looked after by their own doctor or one who knows them and that visiting a family *in extremis* at home is an important part of continuing care, improves understanding and cements the doctor-patient relationship.

Doctors say that a patient with stomach ache in the middle of the night needs is a

doctor — any doctor — who can tell the difference between indigestion and appendicitis, not one who is familiar with the patient's anatomy.

In recognition of growing pressure from the profession, ministers appear ready to be more flexible. They are unlikely to concede the BMA's proposal for responsibility for out of hours provision to be transferred to Family Health Services Authorities. But there is an acceptance a way forward must be found.

One scheme that has caught the eye of the BMA is a deputising co-operative in Maidstone. All 60 GPs in the town covering 120,000 patients have set up what amounts to an extended rota. Out of hours calls are referred to a central office staffed by two of the GPs in the evenings and at weekends and one overnight. The low staffing ratio is possible because call rates in Kent are low and four out of ten are dealt with on the telephone.

The GPs volunteer for three shifts a month of an average six hours and pay £130 a month towards running costs. Less than ten years ago, 27 GPs were on call in the same area on an average night.

THE Dr Findlay tradition of doctors caring for their patients through thick and thin, night and day, persists in Scotland, where health boards have allowed only 911 of the country's 3,131 general practitioners to use deputising services.

Many of those with permission to use the services rarely do so and some only after midnight. More than half who rely on deputies work in Greater Glasgow.

The figures show that deputising services are virtually non-existent in rural areas, where more and more doctors tend to join forces to assist each other on a rota.

Even so, most GPs rely on their own stamina to run what is virtually a 24-hour operation, in the spirit of the country doctor created by A.J.Cronin.

One rural doctor, who has one partner, said that he had been on call for two nights out of three for the past 18 years. "That is almost like being under house arrest," he said.

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is social values: people's expectations of the service have changed dramatically. The number of demands for calls out at night is going up every year."

Because of Scotland's geography many GPs work alone in isolated areas. They are helped by "associate" doctors, paid by the health boards. They usually work with two GPs moving between the practices as the need arises, and providing moral and physical support for doctors who might otherwise never see a colleague for months.

Only five of Scotland's 15 health boards have given consent to doctors to use deputising service; all five are from busy urban areas.

In Glasgow, a medical sub-committee monitors the performance of the deputising services every three months. Dr Fiona Marshall, assistant medical secretary of the city's medical committee, said that the services covered most doctors but many did not use them often. Some used the service only when ill or on holiday.

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Children first on the late watch

Stand-in teams have no access to medical records and get no feedback, reports Louise Hidalgo

IT was after midnight, and Dr Aungkyi Myint was looking weary. He had already made 15 house calls, more than two for every hour he had been on duty. There were another seven to go before he finished his shift at Healthcall, the northeast London doctor deputising service.

Most had been routine: a child with a temperature; another with swollen glands. "An average night," Dr Myint said as he finished his latest call, to a 62-year-old woman who had rung the service complaining of chest and leg pains.

The problem, it turned out, was a mild chest infection and arthritis, and could probably have waited until her surgery opened in the morning, the Burmese doctor said. But her phone call had triggered alarm bells for the team of ten operators who man the busy emergency telephone switchboard. The elderly and children are treated as priority cases. "Often people, particularly the old and lonely, wait until they know the surgery is closed and then call the emergency doctor," Dr Myint said. "Maybe they don't find their own GP sympathetic. We have to attend."

More than half a million telephone calls are handled every year by the Leighton centre, one of the busiest of Healthcall's 34 deputising branches nationwide. Most of the 1,700 GPs who work in the 300 square mile area it covers subscribe to the service, using it either as a message-taker or to fill in for them out of surgery hours. On the night The Times visited the centre, 237 home calls were made between 7pm and 7am.

GPs pay £27 per call for the deputising service after 10pm. More than half of that can be claimed back from their local health authority. The deputising doctors, meanwhile, many of whom, like Dr Myint, are from overseas, are paid around £15 an hour. Most are general practitioners between practices, or newly trained.

Dr Remi Stanislaus, who finished his GP training six months ago, deputising while he searches for a partnership. He said: "It is difficult. You do not have access to medical records and cannot always rely on what the patient tells you. You are responsible for the treatment you give, but you get no feedback on whether your diagnosis was right, or how the patient has fared."

Dr Findlay lives on in Scotland

BY KERRY GILL

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Zoo expert tells of missed chance

London zoo could have saved itself by cutting back ten years ago, a zoo guide's author tells Michael Hornsby

LONDON zoo, which is to close in September because of rising costs and falling attendance, could have survived by concentrating on breeding and conserving endangered animals, according to the author of a new guide to Britain's best zoos.

"London has more than twice as many animals as the next biggest zoo in Britain," John Ironmonger, the author of *The Good Zoo Guide*, published earlier this month by HarperCollins, said yesterday. "About ten years ago it became clear that they were not going to be able to sustain a collection of that size with the gate they had."

If the zoo had then embarked on a ten-year programme to reduce the number of animals from 7,000 to about 1,000, the number of staff would have been cut to a fifth or sixth of the present level by now". Instead, the zoo had been lured by visions of becoming some kind of theme park keeping most of its large and expensive animals.

Dr Ironmonger said Jersey zoo would be a good model for those trying to save London zoo. With only 1,360 animals and charging its 225,000 visitors a year a lower entrance fee than London, Jersey was both commercial-

ly successful and had an international reputation for the breeding and conservation of endangered species.

Most of the buildings in Regent's Park, Dr Ironmonger said, were "very much in line with the immediate post-war idea of a zoo in which the public walks past rows of cages with animals in them. There is really no choice but to pull most of them down and start again". The zoo should get rid of the aquarium and reptile house as well as its bird collection and all the "children's nurserybook animals" such as giraffes, elephants, lions, tigers, zebra, camels and rhinos.

Instead, he suggested, the zoo should concentrate on less familiar species of greater conservation value. "I think the Snowdon aviary could be converted into a good monkey enclosure."

During the five years he spent writing the guide, Dr Ironmonger and his co-researchers visited all the 130 zoos open to the public in Britain and several abroad. The zoos are rated according to their conservation and recreation value and the spaciousness of the animal enclosures. Marwell zoo, Hampshire, is Dr Ironmonger's favourite.

Police hunt second man

POLICE questioning an Irish student aged 37 under the Prevention of Terrorism Act were seeking a second man yesterday in connection with firebomb attacks on city centre stores.

Detectives fear that shopkeepers could have unwittingly carried devices home with them after terrorists put bombs in shops in Leeds, West Yorkshire, causing £150,000 damage in two fires early on Thursday.

West Yorkshire police said

that a second man was being sought after the student from Bradford and Ilkley Community College was arrested by armed officers in Ilkley on Thursday night. He is being held in West Yorkshire under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. His lodgings have been sealed off and were being examined by forensic experts.

Police said that the Irish Liberation Army claimed to have planted 12 devices, but only eight were accounted for. They urged

anyone who had shopped at Marks & Spencer, Stop and Shop, Waterstones, Rawlinsons or Supersave in Leeds to check their pockets carefully and any items they had bought there. There may be another store where there are two outstanding devices where people bought goods. We don't know where that specific store might be. The police are working with the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad.

Let me talk rubbish says prince

THE Prince of Wales yesterday told a conference of waste managers of the pleasures of "talking rubbish", adding: "Look where it has got me."

In a joking mood, he told delegates at the Institute of Waste Management conference in Paignton, Devon, that the institute "has at last decided to recognise my long-standing contribution to the garbage industry". More seriously, the prince said that ways had to be found of "minimising waste, and of recycling as much as possible of what is left".

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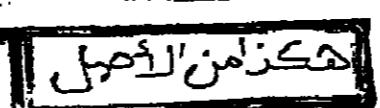
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Academics challenge claims over Exodus site

By JOHN YOUNG

A LIVELY academic argument is about to erupt over a claim in a leading Egyptian newspaper that the site from which Moses led the exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt has been finally identified.

In an article in *al-Ahram*, the semi-official daily, Dr Mohammad Ibrahim Bakr, chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, is reported as stating that Kantara Sharq, on the east side of the Suez Canal, about 50 kilometres from the small town of Qantir, is the site of Zarw, the city of the Pharaoh Rameses I, from which the Israelites are said to have fled.

Dr Bakr's "confirmation", which seems certain to be widely disputed, is based on the excavation, led by Mohamed Abd el-Maksoud, of the remains of a vast fortress, measuring 800 by 400 metres, enclosing a town including a palace. Last February Abd el-Maksoud received



a doctorate from Lille university, France, and has since been appointed director of antiquities for Sinai.

But Harry James, former chairman of the Egypt Exploration Society, said yesterday that there was still not enough evidence to prove the case one way or the other. "We don't even know if or whether the Biblical exodus ever took place," he said. "If it did happen, it was likely to have been during the 19th Dynasty of Rameses I or II. But nothing has been proved."

"Qantir may well have been the Delta capital of the Ramesside kings. But there is no Biblical evidence to suggest that the exodus began from the Egyptian capital. I am afraid I must sit on the fence, so that I won't come a cropper."

An international campaign has recently been launched to provide help to the Egyptians

carrying out rescue archaeology in an area of Sinai threatened by a large irrigation scheme. Dr Chris Eyre, of Liverpool university school of archaeology, who is co-ordinating the British end of the appeal, is sending two archaeologists from the university to Sinai next week. He said that Dr Bakr's assertion might be an attempt to gain publicity for the campaign.

"To the best of my knowledge, there is no hard evidence," he said. "The exodus is not something we are able to prove."

If it did indeed take place, the supposed crossing of the Red Sea would have to be taken with a pinch of salt. "It was much more likely to have been in the region of the Great Bitter Lakes, along the route of what is now the Suez canal," he said.

Qantir would have been a natural stopping point for travellers between Egypt and Palestine. "But I suspect that the story in *al-Ahram* may have been cooked up to stimulate international interest in the rescue work."

Ahmed Osman, author of *Stranger in the Valley of Kings*, published in 1987, and *Moses, Pharaoh of Egypt*, in 1989, said that five years ago he had suggested that the site of the exodus was at Tel Hebeou, about four kilometres from Kantara Sharq.

"Four years ago the Department of Antiquities started to dig in the area," he said. "When I read of their findings, they confirmed that I was right. Until then no one had accepted my argument. But the archaeologists discovered the remains of huge fortified walls, within which was the largest Ramesside residence ever found in Egypt, dating from the time of the New Kingdom, in the mid-16th century BC."

According to the Bible, "the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children."

Mr Osman said that Dr Bakr's reported statement supported his conviction that Kantara Sharq was the Biblical city of Rameses.

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Branson links up with Laker

By KERRY GILL

RICHARD Branson's Virgin Atlantic airline is teaming up with Sir Freddie Laker in a move that will allow British package holidaymakers to fly Laker again.

Mr Branson disclosed yesterday that he has agreed from next year to use the newly launched Laker Airways to fly his holidaymakers from America to the Bahamas. Travellers with Virgin will be able to book on the Laker flight in London.

Abuse sentence

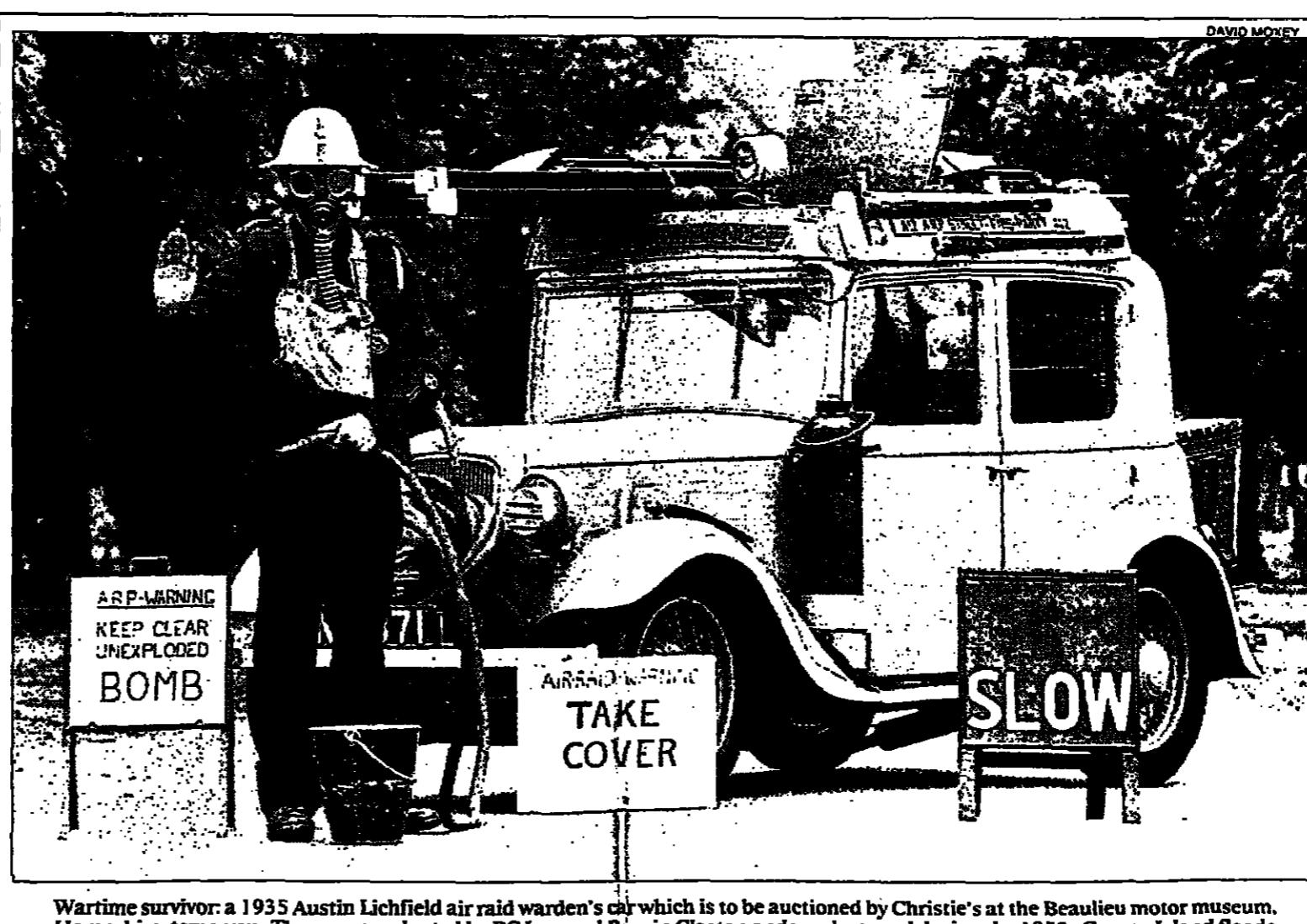
A mentally ill grandmother who partially smothered her baby granddaughter on 15 occasions in a "bizarre form of child abuse" was committed to hospital yesterday. Judge Rivilin, at Southwark Crown Court, south London, told the 41-year-old woman, who cannot be named and was arrested after secret police surveillance in a hospital, that she needed treatment not punishment.

Stunning rescue

A rescue operation involving the electro-stunning of fish was being carried out last night on a river polluted by 10,000 gallons of farm slurry. The pollution of Hole Brook, a tributary of the Okehampton, near Hatherleigh, Devon, had already killed hundreds of fish, the National Rivers Authority said. NRA officers and river wardens will electro-shock fish and remove them to safety.

Libel appeal

Judgment was reserved in the Court of Appeal yesterday after almost four days of legal submissions in an appeal by Bob Murray, chairman of Sunderland Football Club, against a libel case judgment he lost. He had brought the case after a jury ruled that allegations by former director Barry Batey were not libellous.



Wartime survivor: a 1935 Austin Lichfield air raid warden's car which is to be auctioned by Christie's at the Beaulieu motor museum, Hampshire, tomorrow. The car was adapted by PC Leonard Barr in Clacton and was last used during the 1950s Canvey Island floods

BR driver jailed for girls in cab

A BRITISH Rail train driver was jailed for six months yesterday for driving an InterCity express with three young girls in the cab.

Leland Hennessy, 38, invited the girls — one aged 16 and two aged 15 — into his locomotive after chartering to them on the platform at Southampton. The stayed in the cab of the Poole-Waterloo train for the five-mile journey to the next stop at Eastleigh, Hampshire, last July.

Hennessy denied endangering the safety of passengers but a jury at Southampton Crown Court found him guilty last month. At Bournemouth Crown Court yesterday Judge Bates told Hennessy it was fortunate there had not been an accident. "But that does not alter the fact that there were three young girls in the cab and you endangered the public because of the risk of distraction. We have heard from an expert witness you have to be very alert leaving Southampton station."

Hennessy, from Poole, Dorset, married with two children, had been a train driver since 1973 and had an unblemished record.

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Imbert, reformer of the Yard, to retire

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SIR Peter Imbert is to retire as Metropolitan police commissioner after five years in Britain's most important police post.

He is to leave Scotland Yard at the end of the year or early in 1993, having introduced a series of measures designed to change the force. Although there is no fixed retirement date for commissioners, it has become customary for them to move on, or retire, after five years in office.

Sir Peter, 59, said yesterday: "You have to recognise that you have to move on and build on what you have achieved in the past." He had a heart attack two years ago but after undergoing a heart bypass operation returned to work, determined to complete his objective of reforming Scotland Yard.

The man tipped to succeed him in the £82,780 a year job is his deputy, John Smith. Mr Smith, 53, has been closely identified with Sir Peter's efforts to make the Metropolitan police service more accountable and open to the public. A former head of the

drugs squad, Mr Smith has been deputy commissioner since 1991 and has had previous service as deputy chief constable of Surrey and as Inspector of Constabulary for south-east England.

Other possible contenders include Sir Hugh Annesley, the unexpected choice as chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1989. Although born and educated in the Irish Republic, he joined the Metropolitan Police in 1958 and was deputy assistant commissioner when he was appointed to the RUC. Among other possible candidates are Paul Condon, chief constable of Kent, and John Hoddinott, chief constable of Hampshire.

Sir Peter set himself the goal five years ago of trying to "change police culture" by introducing measures aimed at making the Metropolitan police officers think of themselves as a service rather than a force. He set up the Plus programme for the Metropolitan police which devised a "statement of common purpose and values" for all officers.

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ers and civilian staff, emphasising the need for courtesy, compassion and integrity. He said that the service had to respond to well-founded criticism with a willingness to change.

In an interview on Greater London Radio yesterday, he said: "The police service has to take a look at itself and see how it is responding to public needs and wants. If we are doing things the public don't want us to do, then we shouldn't be doing them — after all, we are paid for by the public."

Sir Peter, police negotiator at the Balcombe Street siege in London in 1975, said that the portrayal of the police was two or three years behind reality. "We are going through a crisis of confidence now but we published our citizen's charter three years ago. More is being done and more can still be done to improve police relations with various communities in this city."

He blamed the increase in violent crime on a lack of discipline in the home, school and in society.



Douglas Gatward on his battery-powered bicycle

Stand by for charge of the electric bike brigade

Nick Nuttall forecasts that Britain's roads will soon be buzzing with battery bicycles

BRITONS could soon be coasting to work on electric bicycles in the same way that the French used to propel themselves around the towns and countryside on their black two-stroke Mobilettes.

Four months ago Sir Clive Sinclair, inventor of the ill-fated C5 tricycle, unveiled his Zike bike. Now Douglas Gatward of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, has produced Cibitike, a battery-powered bicycle that is claimed to cover up to 18 miles on the flat at 15mph.

Yet another new system, called Boosta, will allow a cyclist to power a standard 20in wheeled machine with two big batteries in paniers at the back; and Germany has two machines called City Blitz and Electric.

Mr Gatward, whose former company was developing a joint BSB/Sky satellite television receiver before the two stations merged, rendering the technology redundant, believes Cibitike will be more successful. Unlike Zike, Cibitike can be folded into a car boot, using three levers, or be carried on a train.

The machine, to be built

by TGA of Halstead, Kent, uses a cassette-style lead acid battery, similar to those for transportable telephones, that fits on the back and can be removed for recharging. Mr Gatward expects owners to have one cassette at work and another at home, swapping them round after journeys.

He envisages rental points at railway stations where Cibitike owners can exchange a flat cassette battery for a charged one for the ride home from the commuter train. The company will also offer to fit, for £50, a £295 home solar panel for charging a cassette.

Sir Clive's Zike features regenerative braking, which charges nickel-cadmium batteries when the bicycle is coasting downhill.

Cibitike, which at £495 is £4 cheaper than the £499 Zike, has no such system.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mars wins battle over slogan

Television watchdogs yesterday rejected a protest from health campaigners about one of the most famous advertising slogans, a Mars a day helps you work, rest and play.

The Independent Television Commission ruled that the catchphrase, screened for 35 years, was not misleading consumers. It rejected a complaint by Action and Information on Sugars, a pressure group concerned at the amount of sugar in the UK diet, which said the slogan amounted to "a generalised health claim which could not be supported by sound medical evidence".

Britons eat about around three million Mars bars a day, the Mars company said.

Danger mixers

Cement mixers with potentially fatal electrical faults have been suspended from sale by Oxfordshire trading standards officers. Five out of six Baromix Minor models they examined were below safety standards. The company has agreed to recall stocks. Owners should have their machines inspected.

Park fire risk
Two areas of the Yorkshire Dales National Park near Skipton, North Yorkshire, have been closed to visitors because of tinder dry conditions on heather moors.

Attack at club

Police were questioning a number of Royal Marine Commandos after bouncers at a Plymouth nightclub were attacked. The incident came after a commando was beaten and severely wounded in the face at the club.

Royal opening

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to open part of the grounds of Highgrove House to the public for the first time on Sunday.

Fish edges meat off the plate

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST half of consumers are eating less beef than two years ago. Price and a switch to poultry, fish and vegetables account for the decline more than "mad cow" disease, a new survey says.

The survey indicates that 45 per cent are eating less beef, 40 per cent less pork and 37 per cent less lamb. In contrast, 41 per cent said that they were eating more fish, 47 per cent more poultry and 57 per cent more vegetables.

Women are cutting back on red meat more than men, according to the survey, which was conducted by telephone among 1,001 people aged 15 and over throughout Britain by Audience Selection for the magazine Super Marketing.

Women also worry more about "mad cow" disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

Fifty-five per cent of the women surveyed said that they were eating less beef and one in three of those gave BSE as a reason. For both sexes, the most frequent reasons for turning away from beef were price and a wish to avoid red meat, widely believed to be less healthy than white.

The recent three-part BBC television thriller *Natural Lies*, which turned on the efforts of a food advertising executive to expose a cover-up of a supposed human case of BSE, appears to have had some impact on the young. In the 15-24 age group, 14 per cent said that the series has caused them to eat less beef.

Most people, according to the survey, are not particularly worried by BSE. Six out of ten said that they would not buy more beef even if it were guaranteed to be free of BSE. They accused the news media of exaggerating the dangers of the disease.

Food and Drink, Weekend Times, pages 6, 7.

Heritage opposes £50m opera house

BY SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for a £50 million opera house on the Compton Verney estate in Warwickshire are being studied by Michael Howard, the environment secretary, after they were approved this week by Stratford district council's planning committee.

Work could begin on the scheme next year but Mr Howard is almost certain to call a public enquiry because of the objections of English Heritage about the construction of a new building next to a grade I listed house.

The house would then be let for a peppercorn rent to the opera house developers to use for concerts and recitals while the theatre was being built.

Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, administrator of the opera project, said that a six-month option had been given on Compton Verney mansion, attributed to Vanbrugh, which could be used for concerts while the 1,150-seat theatre is being built overlooking the Compton Verney lakes. The opera house might open in 1996 if permission is granted.

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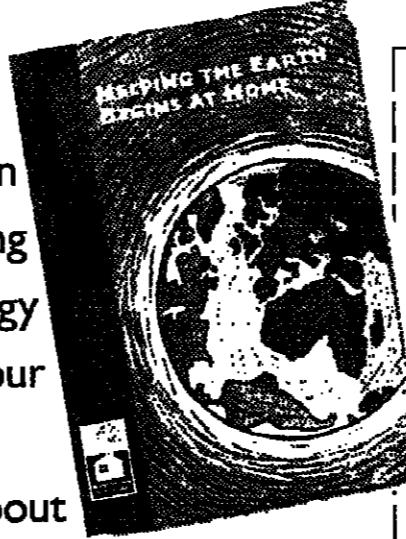
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Drivers, parents and patients put first at charter seminar

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MOTORISTS, parents and patients stand to gain most from yesterday's Downing Street seminar at which the prime minister sought to give fresh impetus to his citizen's charter.

The meeting, attended by most cabinet members, agreed to measures intended to make public services more responsive to their users and to bring about a cultural shift in the looser quarters of Whitehall and its satellites. John Major told his colleagues that although considerable progress had been made since the charter's launch last summer, his attempt to transform attitudes and standards throughout the public service had only just begun.

Later, William Waldegrave, the citizen's charter

minister, made plain to any remaining Whitehall sceptics that there would be no retreat from the cabinet crusade. "The citizen's charter is here to stay," he told a news conference. He promised another white paper in the autumn which would report on progress.

Mr Waldegrave also indicated that he would have a voice in this year's bargaining between spending ministers and the Treasury. He said he would have a "veto" over ministers seeking to justify bids for more money by citing the charter.

The seminar, attended by cabinet ministers and permanent secretaries, was held amid signs of some resistance among senior civil servants. Downing Street sources maintained that the Tory

election victory and the prime minister's commitment to revitalising the public services had put paid to such carping.

Education, transport and health appear to be in the vanguard of the campaign as Mr Waldegrave presided over announcements intended to make the public services more user-friendly. John Patten, the education secretary, announced that he would publish a charter for students in further and higher education later this year. By the autumn parents would be helped in choosing schools by examination league tables comparing performance.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said that the patient's charter would be extended into the family doctor service. It would set out patients' rights in the GP's surgery and outline new guarantees covering the availability of doctors, complaints and the role of family health service authorities.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, announced measures to keep motorists on the move. The key to beating jams would be better information for drivers.

The transport department has licensed Traffic Master, an in-car screen made by a private company giving advance warning of motorway lane closures, delays and accidents. Next year its range would be extended from the M25 to motorways running to the West Midlands and in 1994 it would cover motorway-standard dual carriageways.

Electronic arrival boards at bus stops are also planned. A pilot scheme starts soon in London.

Motorists will also be helped by better traffic information on the M25 and tougher penalties for contractors who fail to complete motorway repairs on time.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, presented his efforts to make the police more courteous in their dealings with the public as part of his department's contribution to the charter.

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Whitehall will run school league lists

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, yesterday unveiled plans for a further and higher education charter and announced that school league tables published under the parent's charter would be centrally rather than locally compiled.

The comparative tables of GCSE and A-level results, which will appear in November, were expected to be drawn up by local authorities, but will now be co-ordinated from Whitehall.

Though centrally compiled, tables will be published for each education authority area, comparing local performance to national averages. Parents will be able to consult them in local newspapers and libraries, and further information on schools will be available from freephone and freepost services. State schools and city technology colleges will also be encouraged to include in their prospectuses information on results, truancy rates, the proportion of pupils staying on and the destinations of those who leave.

Mr Patten said that parents and the wider community had a right to know how schools were performing. Further regulations will be published next year, when independent schools will also be required to participate in the tables.

Teaching unions said yesterday that the education department's decision to administer the tables itself was an insidious act of centralisation, indicating fears about the parent's charter.

In a separate announcement, Mr Patten promised a charter for further and higher education to meet the needs of the expanding university sector. The charter will set out the government's plan to break the "last closed shop" of the National Union of Students, which meets Nigel Forman, the higher education minister, on Wednesday.



Charter time: William Waldegrave, the citizen's charter minister, telling a news conference yesterday that there would be no retreat from the government's crusade. "The citizen's charter is here to stay," he said after a Downing Street seminar addressed by John Major

CHARTER IN PROGRESS

- Parent's charter published September 1991: 6.4 million copies issued to date. Publication of parent's guide to the national curriculum and information leaflets on testing pupils at the ages of 7 and 14. (Education department).
- Traveller's charter published January 1992 and taxpayer's charter August 1991. (Customs & Excise and Inland Revenue).
- Claimant's charter published January 1992 with national targets for main social security benefits. (Social security department).
- Jobseeker's charter fully operational. (Employment department).
- Key new developments:
 - League tables of school performance in the autumn. (Education department).
 - Further and higher education charter. (Education department).
 - Performance pay for teachers next year. (Education department).
 - Patient's charter to be extended into family doctor service. (Health department).
 - Waiting times for hip and knee surgery reduced to 18 months from next April. (Health department).
 - London Underground charter next month. (Transport department).
 - A green charter for local authority environmental services. (Environment department).
 - First-stop shops for advice for small firms. (Trade and industry department).
 - Performance indicators for police in December. Code of standards for the prison service. (Home Office).
 - End to delays on passport applications. (Home Office).
 - Witnesses' leaflet and notices in courts outlining complaints procedures. (Lord Chancellor's department).
 - Telephone interpreting service for benefit claimants. (Social security department).
 - Name badges for court staff dealing with the public. (Lord Chancellor's department).

Relief scheme holds up council tax

BY DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE introduction of the council tax may be hampered by delays in drawing up a scheme to help those worst hit by the change from community charge next April, according to a new study.

Research by the Local Government Chronicle and Gimel Management Consultants shows that three-quarters of the council treasurers who will have to collect the new tax fear that computer software may not be ready in time.

Although the government has already published regulations covering almost every other aspect of the tax, no details of the transitional relief scheme for those worst hit have appeared.

Environment department

officials say that they cannot release draft regulations until they know the results of the revaluation of 2.1 million homes, carried out for the new tax. They need to know the size of the local tax base before they can work out next year's council tax bills and how much help individuals will need.

Because the assessment of an individual's entitlement to help is an integral part of the process of calculating each council tax bill, details of the scheme will be needed before council tax software can be completed. Only after transitional relief has been deducted can other discounts be made. Software suppliers say that they will not be able to deliver complete systems to coun-

cils until they have final details of the relief scheme.

Publication of the survey findings prompted David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, to repeat his warning that the introduction of the council tax risks repeating the mistakes of the poll tax.

The introduction of the poll tax was beset by computer problems caused by the late issuing of regulations, Mr Blunkett said. "These findings confirm our worst fears about the timetable for the introduction of the council tax. Attempting to introduce an entirely new system of local government finance within this timetable creates a real possibility of a significant degree of administrative chaos and

confusion," he said.

The environment department said: "Councils already have most of the information they need, but there are several statutory instruments yet to come. Some information on the reduction scheme will be available soon."

Officials have already said that the scheme will be based on a comparison between the new council tax for each property and two poll taxes for the area levied this year.

The bill to limit the extent of business rate rises caused by revaluation received royal assent yesterday. John Redwood, the local government minister, said that 650,000 businesses would receive reduced rate bills.

Unionists sit at same table as Dublin leaders

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORTHERN Ireland Unionists sat across the table from Irish government representatives for the first time in 20 years yesterday and took a tentative step towards formal talks on relations between the north and south.

Delegations from the four main Ulster political parties, and the British and Irish governments met for seven hours in a private session at the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre at Westminster chaired by Sir Ninian Stephen, the former governor-general of Australia.

Afterwards they reported that they had drawn up a possible agenda for the second "strand" of the talks, which is intended to bring the Irish government formally into the negotiations.

It remained unclear last night whether and when that meeting would go ahead. The Unionists, in particular, want more progress on the form of a devolved government for Northern Ireland.

Sir Ninian sat at the head of a table with the Official Unionists and the British government on his right, the Democratic Unionists and the Social Democratic and Labour Party in front of him, and the Irish government and Alliance party representatives on his left.

The cautious atmosphere in which the talks were approached was underlined by the party delegations. None of the leaders was present and the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, sent his daughter Rhonda as one of his representatives, along with Nigel Dodds, a former Lord Mayor of Belfast.



Miss Paisley: standing in front of her father

Rebels lose council for Labour

BY OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A HUNG council won outright by Labour in last month's local government elections has been lost by the party after seven members resigned in protest at charge capping.

It lost control of Langbaugh on Tees District Council in Cleveland on Thursday night after by-elections caused by the resignations cost it three seats.

The seven Labour councillors resigned after their party agreed to make £2 million of budget cuts to comply with government spending limits and avoid being capped. The Conservatives won two of the seats, independent one and Labour four. Labour now has only 29 of the 59 seats.

Arthur Taylor, leader of the Labour group, said that the members who resigned had complained that they could not carry out the policies on which they were elected because of the threat of charge capping, but their resignations had forced the council to spend £10,000 it could ill afford on the by-elections.

John Rosser, chief executive of Basildon council in Essex, says in today's *Local Government Chronicle* that 200 councils will have to make big spending cuts over the next four years to avoid charge capping. Basildon, won from Labour last month, is £7 million over its target and may have to cut spending by 24 per cent this year.

More than 230 of the 1,300 staff have been given redundancy notices, and all non-statutory services, such as welfare and benefits advice, creche facilities and youth clubs, may have to be cut.

Packaging firms may be curbed

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE government will force the packaging industry to reduce the amount of wrapping unless companies take the initiative, David Maclean, the environment minister, said yesterday.

Insisting that more needed to be achieved by industry, the government and the public to cut waste, Mr Maclean said: "We have made clear that if the industry does not produce substantive proposals we are prepared to take action." Mr Maclean also announced that the government plans to ban disposable cylinders used for transporting the CFC chemicals used in refrigeration. The move, which needs EC approval, will force manufacturers to use recyclable containers which do not allow CFC remnants to escape.

He criticised the "patchy" response of local authorities to setting up recycling schemes, despite an August deadline to do so. However, recycling should not be treated as the panacea to all problems of waste disposal, he cautioned, adding that it might sometimes be prohibitively expensive in terms of cost and energy required.

Mr Maclean insisted that the government would reach its target of recycling half of recyclable domestic waste, equivalent to a quarter of all household waste, by the end of the century. He announced that the government proposed to offer £20 million towards the cost of large new recycled newspaper mills in Aylesford, Kent, which would create a new market for 350,000 tonnes of used newspapers and magazines each year.

'The things I do for England.'



This Sunday, read further extracts from Andrew Morton's extraordinary account of Princess Diana's life and marriage.

How she has continued to carry the burden of public duties while enduring deep private unhappiness.

'Diana: Her True Story' continues in The Sunday Times.

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ists sit at
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LIP WEBSTER
EUROPEAN
CORRESPONDENT

fast. The Official Union team was headed by Ken Maginn, MP for Fermagh and South Tyrone, the SDLP by Seamus Mallon, the Ulster Unionist Party by John Hume, and the Alliance by Sammy Wilson, its deputy leader.

The government delegations were headed by their top civil servants, the Irish by Noel Durr, head of the foreign affairs department in Dublin, and former ambassador to London, and the British by John Chilcot, permanent secretary at the Northern Ireland department.

Sir Patrick MacShane, the Northern Ireland secretary, has said that there will be an early meeting to consider the third strand in which British and Irish governments would consider a possible replacement for the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement but it is clear that agreement on the earlier phases is still some way off. It is expected that the possible agenda drawn up yesterday will first have to be approved by party leaders.

Serbs ready to let aid reach civilians

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND DESSA TREVIANI IN BELGRADE

SERB forces said yesterday that they would start evacuating the airport today to allow aid to reach the city's 300,000 trapped civilians, UN peacekeepers reported.

But it became clear last night that the Serbs are believed to be trying to take the Dobrinja district before Sarajevo airport is reopened to allow in UN relief supplies.

Meanwhile a member of Yugoslavia's national football squad disappeared in Sarajevo while running the gauntlet of artillery barrages to take wounded people to safety. Zelimir Vidovic, a Croat married to a Serb, made repeated trips to ferry civilian casualties from the most bombarded part of the Bosnian capital to hospital in a safer suburb. But he failed to return from one mission a few days ago, according to Dzvezd Dzih, a reporter from Sarajevo Radio who spoke by telephone from his ravaged home in the city. Shelling could be plainly

heard in the background as Mr Dzih gave a harrowing account of life in the city's Dobrinja district, which is near Sarajevo airport and has taken the brunt of the pounding in the past two months. Sixty thousand people are believed to be trapped and near starvation in the suburbs.

"Vidovic was ferrying people out of Dobrinja to take them to hospital, but one day recently he didn't return," said Mr Dzih. "Then the Serbs told his wife he had been slaughtered. Another report said he was being held prisoner, but we just don't know." Vidovic runs a coffee bar in Dobrinja.

The bombing of the suburb has been so intense that the dead have been buried in passageways between blocks of flats in the heavily built up area. This building is being attacked and part of it has been demolished. All the flats under attack," said Mr Dzih yes-

"People are being taken away by the Serbs and we don't know what is happening to them. People are panic-stricken. The other night people called me all night, they were terrified. Only the most stable are not at breakdown point."

"When you see and hear 300 grenades fall every day and you see neighbouring flats burning you can understand how people feel after two months of this. Even if you manage occasionally to get outside, you can't find anything to eat because it is so built up. There are no trees or gardens."

Hundreds of wounded have been treated by a Palestinian doctor who has lived in the Dobrinja area for 28 years.

• Istanbul: An aggressive statement issued at the end of an extraordinary meeting of the Islamic Conference of foreign ministers called for a toughening of international sanctions against Serbia and went some way to contradicting the 47 member nations to support armed intervention in the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Andrew Finkel writes).

Corba has played with his band, Riblja Corba (fish soup) in Britain, much of mainland Europe and Australia. Now, he says, he wants to show solidarity with the students at Belgrade University who are holding a sit-in protest against the government. His songs are peppered with not so oblique references to the regime, such as "It doesn't matter that you didn't want to dine, just go, Slobo."

Mr Milosevic's wife, Miriana, habitually sports a flower behind her ear and one of Corba's most popular numbers rejoices in the refrain: "Where are you going with the flower in your hair?" Corba says: "When you are angry, you can channel your anger into one song. When you are up there with no bloody instruments in front of 30,000, it becomes a hymn."

Is he rich? "I have earned some money. But my wife knows how to spend it."

Corba, whose name means soup, has short, lanky, shoulder-length hair which he tucks behind the pierced left ear with its coil of earrings. And he backs his political message with action. He is the founder of the Party of Organised Drinkers, a movement whose self-evident aims he embraces with gusto vigour. Raising another glass of plum brandy, he talks wistfully of his failure to be elected in the Serbian parliamentary polls last month.

As he discusses his hopes

and fears for the future at a cafe in the Serbian capital, he is interrupted by followers and fans anxious to shake his hand. His three-month-old Alsatian puppy, Bugsy, shows only slightly less devotion to his master.

"As head of the Party of

Dealer buys Beatles affidavit

John Lennon's copy of Paul McCartney's 1970 affidavit seeking dissolution of the Beatles was sold for £9,670 at a San Francisco auction. Notes by Lennon contradicting McCartney's arguments are scrawled on the legal document. Dealer Eric Thom, who bought the document, said: "It's absolute history." A gold album given to the Beatles for *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* was sold for £12,360.

Australian entertainer Peter Allen, 48, who was discov-

ered by Judy Garland and married her daughter Liza Minnelli, died in San Diego of an AIDS-related illness. He won an Academy Award for songwriting in 1981.

Fazio Abe, a former ally of the Japanese prime minister Kiichi Miyazawa, on trial on bribery charges, acknowledged he took money from a now-defunct steelmaker but denied promising any favours in return.

Monica Seles will be listed as

The late dictator Ferdinand Marcos spirited \$5 billion in gold out of the Philippines and deposited it in Switzerland, a government body said. The bullion was left behind by Japanese forces.

American Richard Meier, one of the world's greatest exponents of architectural purity, unveiled his first contribution to the changing Paris landscape — an L-shaped home for France's cable network Canal Plus.

Manda Devi, granddaughter of Cambodian leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk, will wed French MP Jean-Marie Cambaceres in Nîmes on August 29. M Cambaceres is a Southeast Asia expert.

Giandomenico Picco, the UN's hostage troubleshooter, is resigning from the world body at the end of next month for personal reasons.

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Parting grief: a weeping Vietnamese mother clutching her baby yesterday as they were forcibly repatriated by the Hong Kong authorities among a party of 38 boat people. Officials are hoping to clear 50,000 from the colony's detention centres (Adrian Edwards writes). Clinton Leeks, the Hong Kong refugee co-ordinator, said those going back had been guaranteed freedom from persecution, and all but 13 had volunteered to return. But when the 38 arrived in Vietnam the authorities at once arrested a man described as a "dangerous criminal". Press photographers who tried to take pictures of the arrest were briefly detained.

Clinton camp runs out of cash

Shortage of funds is undermining Bill Clinton's already troubled campaign, Martin Fletcher writes in Washington

AT a time when the Democratic presidential nominee should be maximising his strength before the Republicans' autumn onslaught, Bill Clinton's campaign is beset by adversity. Eclipsed by Ross Perot and last in the polls, he is now so short of cash that he has postponed payments to his campaign workers and is openly feuding with Jesse Jackson, self-styled arbiter of the crucial black vote.

Yesterdays, in a move designed primarily to embarrass Mr Clinton, the Republican party formally asked the government to cut off his federal funding. It claimed he had illegally used a \$400,000 (£215,000) advance from the Democratic national committee to buy television time.

The feud was triggered by Mr Clinton's denunciation at last weekend's Rainbow Coalition conference of Sister Souljah, a black rap singer who had urged blacks to kill whites and not each other. Mr Jackson's anger mounted all week as Mr Clinton refused to apologise.

It culminated in a bitter outburst in which he accused Mr Clinton of a cowardly "sneak attack", a clumsy "Machiavellian manoeuvre" to woo white votes, and most biting of all, given Mr Clinton's draft and marital records, of a new "character flaw". Mr Jackson's attack poses a serious threat to Mr Clinton's go-for-bust strategy.

The Arkansas governor genuinely abhors racism, but his condemnation of Sister Souljah was also driven by electoral considerations. He

wanted to win back white voters who turned Republican in the 1980s and are now flocking to Mr Perot because they see the Democrats beholden to minorities and special interest groups.

Conventional wisdom states that candidates should consolidate, not expand, their bases in a three-way race. Mr Clinton has evidently calculated that blacks, the Democrats' most loyal supporters, have nowhere else to go, but he failed to inspire large black turnout in the primaries. Mr Jackson is now dampening black enthusiasm still further. He has so far declined to endorse Mr Clinton, is flirting with Mr Perot, and has planned a huge rally on the

eve of next month's New York convention. This is partly Mr Jackson's traditional ploy of trading his support for concessions, but there is also a history of bad blood between the two men.

Mr Perot's surge, the recession and the lack of body contested primaries have so undermined Mr Clinton's fundraising efforts that his campaign is now nearly \$3 million in debt and is delaying payments to more than 200 campaign workers. For the first time in memory, the Democratic national committee is having to advance money to its candidate before his formal nomination.

By late May Mr Clinton had raised \$20 million, \$5

million less than Michael Dukakis had raised at the same stage in 1988, and aides doubt that he will reach the \$27.6 million permitted under federal pre-nomination spending limits.

Lack of cash is inhibiting the advertising blitz he needs to improve his battered image and is tying him up with fundraising. Debts incurred now will eat into the \$55.2 million in federal funds he will receive to fight the general election. Moreover his perceived weakness is hampering efforts to raise millions in "soft money" that can be spent on supportive activities such as voter registration and get-out-the-voter drives.

The Bush campaign has no financial worries. Mr Perot, as he is refusing federal funds, can spend limitlessly from his personal fortune.

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Guardian Angels' leader shot

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE leader of the Guardian Angels vigilante group was shot and critically wounded in New York yesterday.

Curtis Sliva, 38, who set up the volunteer crime patrol in 1979, was discovered by police lying in a street in Manhattan's East Village with gunshot wounds to his stomach and leg. A spokesman at Bellevue hospital said later that he was out of danger after emergency surgery.

Mr Sliva was attacked on

his way to record the morning radio show he co-hosts with his wife, Lisa. He had hopped and climbed into a cab in which two white men, one of them armed, were waiting. He was shot twice before scrambling out of the taxi.

In the past 13 years, the Angels, with their distinctive red berets, have made it their self-appointed task to oppose crime through a combination of media stunts and unarmed citizens' arrests. As a

result they are hated by criminals and by the police (who say they interfere with regular crime prevention), and supported by most members of the public.

Mrs Sliva would not speculate about who might have carried out the attack. "Don't feel bad for me, don't feel bad for Curtis," she said. "Feel bad for all the mothers all over the city who lose their children this way. The shooting has got to stop."

Thousands of cartoons showing President de Klerk repairing a broken "whites only" park bench are to be distributed to blacks by the ruling National Party. The aim of the cartoon is to show that there will be room for everybody on in the "new South Africa". It is to be part of a nationwide campaign to win black support that the National Party is launching.

• Biko claim: A former police agent has identified a security police colonel as the killer of the black activist Steve Biko in 1977, the Afrikaans weekly *Vrye Weekblad* said. (Reuters)

Hard-hit Las Vegas gambles on family image

FROM WILLIAM CASH IN LAS VEGAS

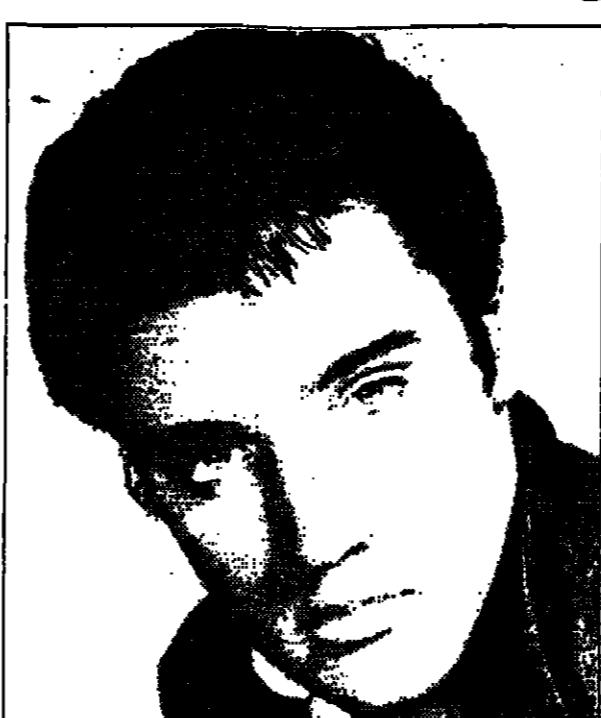
After sitting down behind the bar of the British Bulldog pub in Las Vegas, to watch a grainy video of the 1976 FA Cup Final while waiting for a steak-and-kidney pie, Cheryl, a former secretary from Rothwell, Northamptonshire, slips two Bass cardboard beer mats into her handbag.

Since coming to Vegas in 1980, her dreams have not worked out. Having divorced her American husband, she was laid off as a croupier the day before last night's world heavyweight fight between Evander Holyfield and Larry Holmes at Caesar's Palace. "Vegas isn't the fairy tale people think," she said. "The big gambling days are over — the tourists just haven't got the money any more."

The Vegas dream — personified by people such as Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and the gangster Bugsy

Mirren, Gene Kilroy, former businessman manager of Muhammad Ali and host of the Palace Station Casino Hotel, said: "Las Vegas used to be just gamblers. The kids would stay at home. The new trend is targeting the family with Disney-style theme parks. The gambling high roller could only last so long. Now we have to cater for a different market."

Anyone coming to Vegas this weekend for a "Sin City" break may be disappointed. Hookers no longer walk the Strip. Warnings about Aids proliferate in magazines, and with hotel bookings down 10 per cent last year, the largely Mbo-owned hotel industry is doing everything to spruce up Vegas's vice image to attract a more affluent clientele, who will shop at haute couture shops.



Spirit of the good times: Presley was one of many celebrities personifying the Vegas dream

ANC says de Klerk to blame for killing

FROM RAY KENNEDY
IN JOHANNESBURG

AS SOUTH Africans reacted yesterday after the Boipatong massacre and the death toll rose to 39, the African National Congress delivered one of the fiercest attacks so far on the government and President de Klerk in particular. It said it put the blame firmly on his shoulders.

At the same time scores of riot police in armoured vehicles surrounded the Kwanda hotel from where the attack on the township and its adjacent Slovo squatter camp was launched. General Johan van der Merwe, police commissioner, said the 600 Zulu hostel dwellers were being confined to the complex. Weapons were confiscated.

Earlier township residents demonstrated outside the steelworks in nearby Vanderbijlpark demanding that the hotel which is owned by the Iron and Steel Corporation be closed. It is no longer used for steelworkers and residents claim it was taken over in 1990 by supporters of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom party and has been used as a military base in political violence.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, denied that Inkatha leaders had planned the raid. He gave a warning that the attack could scuttle the constitutional negotiations and described it as one that left "civilised mankind stunned at the viciousness of man". He called on Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC, who is to visit Boipatong and the squatter camp tomorrow, to join him in leading their organisations on peace missions.

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In Pretoria, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, head of



Sanctions
Libya pip

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FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AS SOUTH Africa reeled yesterday after the Boipatong massacre and the death toll rose to 30, the African National Congress blamed one of the fiercest attacks so far against the government and said it put the blame squarely on his shoulders.

At the same time, scores of police in armoured vehicles surrounded the Israeli hotel from where an attack on the township's adjacent Shilo squatter camp was launched. General van der Merwe, police commissioner, said the 800 hostel dwellers were confined to the compound.

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Earlier township residents demonstrated outside a steelworks in Vryheid, Vanderbijlpark, demanding that the hotel which sheltered the Iron and Steel Corporation be closed. It is longer used for students and residents claim it was taken over in 1990 by supporters of the Zulu Inkatha Freedom party, who have been used as a base in political violence.

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Buthelezi denied Inkatha planned commission of violence as cause of violence published last September.

the national peace agreement by the government.

the ANC, Inkatha and others announced the preliminary findings of the Portion massacre held early next month.

Thousands of car

showing President de Klerk preparing a broken neck injury, parts broken and distributed to black families.

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Israelis vow to arrest top Palestinians for PLO talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday pledged to arrest three prominent Palestinians after they violated a law banning contact with the Palestine Liberation Organisation by staging a public meeting with Yassir Arafat, its chairman.

The move against Dr Haider Abdel Shafi, the chief Palestinian negotiator at the Middle East peace talks, Faisal Husseini, the leading Palestinian in Arab east Jerusalem, and Hanan Ashrawi, the eloquent Palestinian delegation spokeswoman, threatens the future of the deadlocked Middle East peace process. It will also almost certainly influence the outcome of Tuesday's general election in Israel, which has been dominated by the issue of peace and security.

Binjamin Beil Elyzer, the opposition Labour party's campaign strategist, was quick to capitalise on Likud's discomfort. "This is the truth slapping Likud in the face. Likud said it would never meet with the PLO, but all along it has been speaking with the PLO. There is no other choice but to continue talking with these people. There is no one else."

Both Likud and Labour have promised voters that they are best qualified to conduct the negotiations. Mr Shamir emphasises he is opposed to any territorial concessions over the occupied territories, while Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour leader, has said he would grant the 1.7 million Palestinians autonomy in return for peace.

According to opinion polls published yesterday, Labour would receive six to ten more seats than Likud in the 120-seat Knesset. However, Likud would be able to muster about half of the parliamentary seats if it formed a coalition with right-wing and religious parties, above the same as a Labour-led alliance with left-wing and Arab parties.

What is not yet clear is the impact that the move against the Palestinians will have in the last days of the electoral campaign. There are still an estimated 20 per cent of the electorate undecided.

It is widely suspected in Israel that the latest Palestinian move was intended to put Mr Shamir and his Likud party in an uncomfortable quandary only days before Tuesday's election. If the prime minister does not have the Palestinians arrested, he faces a barrage of criticism from ultra-nationalist parties.

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UN fears for team in Ethiopia

FROM SAM KILEY
IN NAIROBI

UNITED Nations observers monitoring tomorrow's regional elections in Ethiopia have had their safety jeopardised by the decision of one of the leading parties this week to boycott the polling, senior UN officials said yesterday.

Some 150 observers have already been deployed in isolated parts of Ethiopia to monitor the elections for regional assemblies. But the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) said that it was calling on the Oromo people, between 40 and 60 per cent of the population, to stay away from polling booths unless there are improvements to the electoral process.

Lencho Lala, the deputy head of the front, yesterday gave assurances to the 30 countries who have contributed to the observer staff that their nationals would not be threatened by the boycott. But one UN official said: "It is not clear how disciplined the OLF are. If they boycott the elections they will find it hard to resist trying to stop people voting for other parties."



Moving pictures: an Egyptian woman carrying a TV set through Suez port as thousands of Muslims returned from the annual haj pilgrimage to Mecca

Rabbi stirs uproar with attack on Sephardi Jews

An ethnic slanging match has split ultra-orthodox Israelis, writes Ben Lynfield from Jerusalem

WITH elections on Tuesday, Israel's ultra-orthodox rabbis are involved in an unhappy controversy over purportedly racist remarks by a sage. Rabbi Eliezer Schach, 95, has been criticised for saying that Sephardi Jews from Arab countries are "not ready to occupy leading positions in the government or religion".

The comment, which was subsequently toned down by his associates, blew apart any semblance of unity among ultra-orthodox leaders, who represent less than 10 per cent of the Israeli public but have often served as kingmakers in Israel's free-wheeling coalition system.

Rabbi Schach failed to heed appeals that he apologise, and shifted to an attack against non-religious Israelis for "lacking culture and history".

The two main ultra-orthodox groups — the United Torah Jewish party and Shas — do not share in the secular Jewish nationalism of most Israelis. They participate in politics in the name of the Torah, the holy scriptures, primarily to ensure funding for education and to encourage respect for ritual law.

One Torah Jewish leader is even asking the government

to set up separate public transport for the sexes to prevent religious students from being led astray by the short skirts of secular women.

Rabbi Schach's remarks have come at a time when ultra-orthodox leaders expect to lose one or more of the 13 seats they have in the 120-member Knesset, partly because of the arrival of 400,000 secular Jews from the former Soviet Union.

However, since polls point to a virtual deadlock between Labour and Likud, even weakened ultra-orthodox block, led by Rabbi Schach and others, could still enjoy considerable power. That reality has not been lost on President Mubarak of Egypt, who received Menachem Porush, the Torah Jewish leader, last week in an apparently unsuccessful effort to nudge him towards Labour.

Zeev Chafetz, columnist of the *Jerusalem Report* magazine, reflecting widespread weariness with Rabbi Schach's periodic outbursts, termed him "sublimely senile" and said that his attack on the Sephardim was "a refreshing example of someone willing to speak what is left of his mind".

The Sephardi targets of his have been more restrained, saying it will increase support for Shas, a Sephardi ethnic party that is campaigning on the politics of resentment and is promising voters to "restore our crown to its rightful place". It is competing with Torah Jewry, a group that was formed with Rabbi Schach's encouragement.

Rabbi Schach has directed his followers to back Likud in coalition jockeying, on the ground that it is more likely to address religious concerns than the socialist-tinged Labour party he remembers from his middle age.

The irony of the uproar, observers say, is that if Labour and Likud decide to translate close returns into a coalition with each other rather than the smaller parties, Rabbi Schach and his colleagues will lose much of their sting.

"The interest I get every month is surpassed only by the interest my kids have in spending it all."

Sanctions threaten Libya pipe dream

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN SALOUQ, LIBYA

UNITED Nations sanctions have raised fresh doubts about the viability of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's "great man-made river" project, variously described either as the eighth wonder of the world or one of the 20th century's biggest white elephants.

Already financed to the tune of £2.4 billion, the grandiose scheme to pipe more than 6.5 million cubic yards of water a day from under the Sahara desert to the population centres of the Mediterranean coast will cost more than £13.5 billion by the time it is completed sometime around the end of the century.

Inaugurated at this six million cubic yard reservoir last August with a laser show and declarations of hope, the scheme has been dismissed by many foreign experts as an expensive monument to the Libyan leader's ego which could have serious environmental consequences and dry up within 50 years.

Colonel Gaddafi describes the plan as "the eighth wonder to be added to the seven wonders of the world" and has countered criticism with a defence of what he calls "the longest voyage ever of fresh water, forcibly conveyed as ordered by the sovereign Arab Libyan man".

Under construction with much outside help from South Korean, American and British experts, the project has already survived the dual blows of the oil-price slump of the mid-1980s and the US sancti-

tions of 1986. But new doubts have arisen with the introduction of April 15 air embargo and with the threat of tougher United Nations moves still to come.

Arab officials fear that sanctions would affect the readiness of foreign concerns to continue competing for contracts (some £5.4 billion worth are due to be decided this year) and the willingness of vital foreign workers to stay. Military action against the pipelines, which is already stretching more than 1,200 miles and carrying some 2.6 million cubic yards of water daily, also remains a distinct possibility.

Officials from Dongah, the main construction contractor, said this week that since the imposition of sanctions as many as 100 skilled workers a month were being lost from the project's main construction sites.

Diplomats believe that continued outside involvement in the pipeline, particularly its maintenance, could be one target of the tightening of sanctions if Libya continues to refuse to extradite the two agents who are accused of the Lockerbie bombing.

Some Westerners who have seen the Saharan water glistening in new reservoirs such as this one, 20 miles south of Benghazi, have been impressed by the plan's imagination. But they have been outnumbered by those pointing out its potential pitfalls.

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Clifford Longley

Recession does not pack the pews, as many think

For generations, little proof was needed of the existence of God, or the fact that he was English, beyond the way the Church of England's books seemed miraculously to balance. As the First Church Estates Commissioner, Sir Douglas Lovelock, remarked this week, there have been lean years and fat years, and the lean years are here again. But that is the scriptural pattern, further evidence of Who keeps the books. Overall, the financing of the church has been successful, and the Lord has indeed provided.

Ideally, for the sake of an easy life for the Church of England's accountants, the invisible guiding hand of capitalism should ensure that investment value and income, on the stock and property markets, move up and down in inverse proportion to the level of religious sentiment in the nation. That way, any falling off in income from the Church Commissioners' invested millions (or these days, billions) might be made good by increased generosity from the flock. As there has been just such a falling off, Sir Douglas has been calling for just such an increase. But he has a problem, and the Labour party might pick up a clue to its recent predicament if it examined why.

Despite the common assumption that adversity always leads people back to religion — for instance, that recession or war fills churches — sociologists looking at longer term trends have detected the opposite result. Only in one respect has the present recession brought the church much comfort, and that is as a side effect of a sluggish property market.

The churches do best in the geographically and socially mobile culture of suburbs, yet among the middle classes, participation in local church seems to increase the longer a family lives in one place, and the deeper, therefore, its roots. The housing recession has begun to benefit Mothers' Unions, scout support groups, parents' associations and other voluntary activities as well as churches.

But more profoundly, the recession works the other way: a decline in a sense of well-being makes people more concerned with their own problems and less generous towards strangers. They are not necessarily more selfish, just more conscious that charity begins at home, and more aware that their families too are vulnerable.

It is both a platitude and a fallacy that people packed the churches at the outbreak of war in 1914 and 1939. That is what people in good times imagine themselves doing in bad, not what they actually do. Those were two of the worst years for churchgoing this century: the post-war peak for church attendance and for various other measures of religiosity was 1959, the year of Harold Macmillan's triumphant "never had it so good" election campaign. Statistically, war and anxiety are bad for religion. A rising "feel-good factor" helps religion. There is no evidence that this is just yuppie gull, as the cynics sneered in the 1980s. It is more likely the effect of the old-fashioned virtue of gratitude.

Some people may respond to security and contentment by an increase in jealous hostility towards others, but it is truer to human nature to want to share good fortune and to want there to be "Somebody" to whom thanks may be offered. Many a local pastor has observed the thirtysomething couple that has settled down to happy family life and then wanted to revive childhood patterns of church-going, from just such a desire (albeit unarticulated).

Moved by such feelings, people may also respond to charitable appeals more willingly, just as they may more readily vote for party policies likely to hurt their own pockets for the sake of others. This week's figures on the fall in total charitable giving show just how much the recession has dampened the spirit of generosity. And in all the analysis of Labour's recent defeat, one agreed factor has been the reluctance of voters to pay more tax, even to help the obviously needy.

The assumption has been that this marks a permanent change in the way the electorate weighs self-interest against altruism. Labour politicians are now concluding that the electoral prospects of a party of higher taxation and higher public spending are forever blighted. A spot of religious sociology might put them right. The best time to invite the public to vote for higher taxes for the benefit of those less fortunate would be when the economic climate is improving. A good time to invite them to church, too.

The cult of professionalism is ruining the artistic and inspirational side of sport, says Harry Eyes

As the first volleys sing out in the 1992 Wimbledon championships on Monday, to the casual eye and ear little may seem to have changed at one of the core scenes of English summer and sport. But for one leading challenger at least, a great new truth has dawned. Interviewed at the Queen's Club last week, Boris Becker spoke in the worryingly soft, halibut voice of a born-again Christian, while his pale blue eyes radiated the manic intensity of an Albrecht Dürer self-portrait: "I think I have finally learnt something about this game," he crooned. "Playing tennis should be like another day at the office."

Could this have been the man who burst upon tennis as a 17-year-old with the fearless daring of a Viking god, hurling himself at distant volleys with utter disregard for probability or personal safety? That Becker would hardly have left a filing-cabinet standing within 20 yards if he had approached office work

with the flamboyant spirit he brought to tennis. In any case, Becker's newfound wisdom stood him in poor stead: he lost his first match at Queen's, to Christo van Rensburg. Pat Cash says he is fed up with the grind of the circuit. "It's become a game for young single men, and I want to spend more time with my family. At least, if I play less often, I feel fresh and motivated when I play." But he is lucky, for he can expect a wild-card entry for most tournaments in which he wants to play. Less illustrious names are shocked by the tyrannical computer (a key element of the office game), which calculates the rankings that determine qualification for each tournament.

The computer now exercises absolute control over seedings at Wimbledon: in the past the

seedings committee has made feeble efforts to allow for the special conditions of grass, but this year its capitulation to the computer rankings is complete. "For the players, the computer is like the Bible," said a spokesman. "When we decided seedings on grass court form, the results were much more accurate." This year's top men's seed, Jim Courier, has never progressed beyond the quarter-finals.

The truth is that the "just another day at the office" school of tennis is these days firmly in charge on the court, in the administration and in the commentary box. Dan Maskell may not have been the most scintillating of commentators, but he is a connoisseur of artistic tennis. When asked the other day to name the outstanding players of recent times, he un-

hesitated one year over the grim-faced, uncharismatic Ivan Lendl. I wondered whether he would find it equally inspiring to watch a highly trained chartered accountant leaving through a pile of receipts.

Surely people do not go to watch sport to witness "professionalism"? If it is just another day at the office, why not save time and money by staying at the office? Presumably the whole point of sport is that, like art, it is a form of play, as opposed to work (though of course it is also hard work)? Can sport not be one of the precious spaces in the trammeled world where the constraints of calculation, of grinding discipline and boredom need not apply?

Casting a wider glance over the whole sporting arena, I fear that such Corinthian aspira-

tions are out of fashion, at least in England. The "workmanlike" approach of the England football team was found wanting at the European championships: the creative imagination of the Dutch may be too much to hope for, but the Scots put England to shame with their fire and flair.

At the top of the cricket hierarchy, Graham Gooch and Micky Stewart preside over a regime which values industry above artistry. They have enjoyed some success, but how can they justify the continued omission of the most talented English batsmen of his era, David Gower, now in prime, mature form? Opposing teams cannot believe their luck.

Perhaps Jim Courier, who in Paris played with the awesome power and accuracy of a ballistic machine, will justify his seeding and win Wimbledon. This will be tennis not as art but as artillery. Should we be surprised? George Orwell wrote long ago that sport is like "war without the shooting".

Tennis by numbers

A hymn to living dangerously

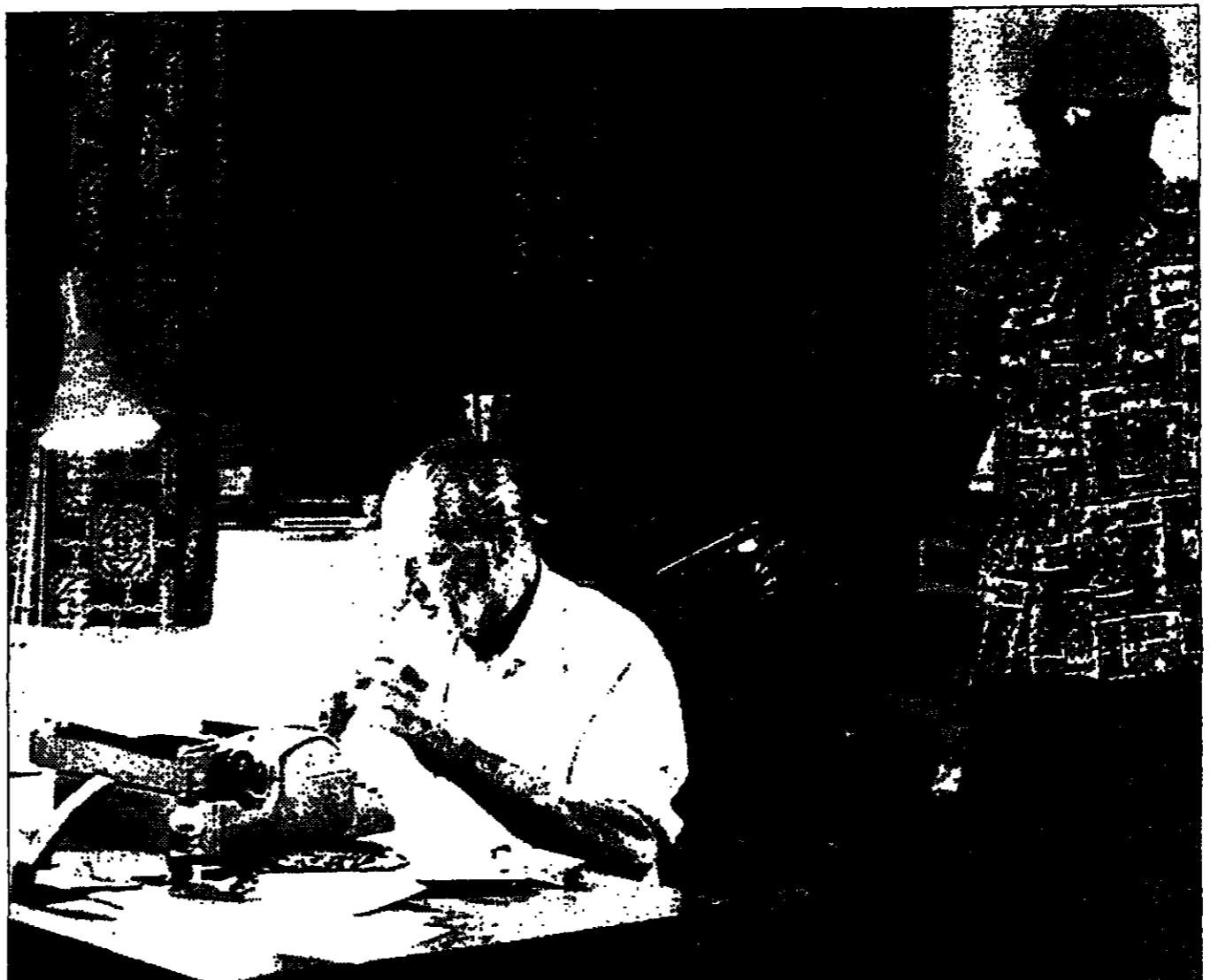
Matthew Parris wonders at the fantastic adventures of Denis Hills

No more than an infant, excited by the two-headed ogres in a Grimms' fairy tale, Denis Hills climbs in a night-shirt from his attic window and has to be coaxed down by two policemen. As boy, alongside his friend "Warty" Bailey, he crouches in a sooty tunnel while steam engines thunder past, showering him with sparks. Commuting by train with his adolescent mates to King Edward's School in Birmingham, Denis and his pals debag another boy, draw a face in ink on his bottom and thrust it out of the window with a pencil stuck in the anus, shouting "man smoking" as other trains, full of horrified passengers, pass. Their schoolmate, Enoch Powell, does not approve. Powell ("reputed to be cleverer than any of the masters") "had a pale face, was never without a cap, carried an armful of books, and kept to himself".

Almost sixty years later he meets Powell again. Hills has been in a hell of a scrape, had stomach cancer, refused to leave Uganda after vilifying Idi Amin, has been sentenced to death by firing squad and spent months in a Kampala death cell but been spared at the last minute by an appeal from the Queen — a tactic at which, back in England, Powell has protested about in Parliament. Hills stumbles into the African daylight. His wife leaves him. The British foreign secretary, who brought the royal message personally to Kampala, flies home with Hills in an RAF jet ("Back to the economy," sighed Mr Callaghan"). Hills bumps into Powell at a crowded London party.

"I recognised the stare, the pallor and the frown. He remembered me straight away. You were an outstanding sportsman," he said, solemnly. I told him I agreed with his protest [about the Queen] ... Nothing more was said, and we drifted apart."

Denis Hills will be eighty next year. He has written a wonderful book about a wonderful, stupid, inspiring life. He has caroused with fascists and liberated a shipful of Jews. He has won himself with Poles, fought against the Germans, cheated



Star role: condemned to death by Idi Amin in 1975, Hills later played himself in a film on the dictator's rise and fall

the Russians of hundreds of Ukrainians destined for "reparation" and slaughter, wrecked two marriages (his own) and innumerable motorbikes. He has lived, for much of that time, almost like a tramp, sleeping out, sleeping rough, or in the old Bedford camper-van he inhabited until expelled from Poland. Rabid dogs in Kurdish bed bugs in Romania, purple-faced commanding officers in the British army and all the pleas of all his friends throughout his life, have not tamed him.

As he has slipped over borders without documentation, bicycles have been his transport, peasants his companions, bears his enemies and the night sky his roof. The accounts he gives of sojourns and mountain-climbs in some of the remotest parts of Turkey, Iran and Eastern Europe are lyrical. He has climbed Ararat alone, and stood (where I have) looking down into the smoky, rumbling, banging crater of the Nyiragongo volcano in Zaire. His description is spot-on. In Rhodesia, in

his seventies, an old VW beetle and a tent pitched on the fringes of the terrorist war were his home — he had gone to ground, banned by Ian Smith for calling him the biggest cheat in Africa. Spot-on again.

For just when you think this man is comfortable on the stool of the expats' golf club bar in Kampala, he is calling the whites beachcombers, and off to teach and live with Africans in the bush. And just when you think he's a humanist and a liberal, off he goes touring rural

him, but he hardly speaks of it. His silence amounts almost to a pretence. "See if I care!" he seems to say. It will infuriate readers, yet tells us more about him than words could.

"Self-effacing" is another word with which one toys, and it is true that Hills plays his exploits down. But he is not really modest; he simply has the instinctive sense to avoid bragging. "Hero" is the word *The Spectator* used for him, but a hero has a cause, a mission, or at least an aim — the very things at which Hills has balked. In youth he excelled at the study of what is real or tangible, but would not engage with theories, and his hatred of general systems, together with his love of danger, bridling at authority, and his unerring instinct for spotting a cad, have shaped his whole life, aborting several promising careers, both disabling and empowering him.

Like a frightened horse, Hills rears, nostrils flared, at the first whiff of ideology or cant. He hates hypocrisy, hates cruelty, hates material greed. But there is no patient resolve to confront or dissect, no ambition to reform. He just rears, wildly, madly and bolts (often hurting himself in the process) to another hedge, mad African kingdom or night sky. In that equine sixth sense, that flaring of the nostrils, that wild gallop over the horizon, is there not something divine?

Denis Hills has lived a life that almost none would choose. He has done things no sane man would even attempt. He has behaved with unbelievable stupidity. Yet almost anyone will love, understand and enjoy this book. I hope it is a bestseller. I hope it makes him a million pounds. And I hope he goes and blows it all on yet another madcap suicidal endeavour. For this man to die anywhere but on the north face of some unclimbed ice-peak, by firing squad or in a cannibal's pot, would offend the gods themselves.

Tyrants and Mountains: A Reckless Life by Denis Hills is published this week by John Murray, £19.95.

...and moreover

PHILIP HOWARD

Politicians are not much good at games, being fully occupied in what they see as the greatest game of all. But they are aware that most of their electors are a thousand times more interested in sport than in politics. So they try to perk up their speeches with sporting images and metaphors, usually getting them slightly wrong. In her speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet, a little earlier than that mighty Caesar fell, Mrs Thatcher hit a cricketing metaphor for six all round the boundary, making it quite clear that her idea of how cricket works was vague. In his deadly little speech explaining his resignation, which started the landslide to dump her, Geoffrey Howe picked up the cricketing metaphor, with the suggestion that a captain could somehow break the bats of her two opening batsmen before they left the pavilion, and ignoring the certainty that they would signal for new bats as soon as they took guard.

We are at present enduring a plague of illiterate footie metaphors. The BBC English Dictionary, published this week, and based on an analysis of 70 million broadcast words, shows that if you hear the word "goalposts" on the radio, it is far more likely to be a political metaphor than a literal use by a commentator. "Moving the goalposts" occurs in political rhetoric, meaning that the rules have been changed after some commercial or legal process has started. In soccer, the goalposts are fixed and can be moved only

at a low level of the game, by boys in the park using their jackets as goalposts.

From the very beginning, politicians have interfered in football in an ignorant way. The Chinese emperors of the Han dynasty from 206 BC who invented "tsu" (to kick "chu": leather ball), themselves took part, and rewarded the winning side with a feast. Losers were flogged, or even beheaded. While this might make the modern game less boring, it is only the first instance of political interference in the sport.

Evidence for Greek and Roman football is slight. A key text is in Manilius's poem about astrology: "This man is skilled at returning the flying ball with a swift movement of the sole of his foot, at balancing the hand against foot and playing from a firm base." Housman gets in a sarcastic muddle trying to explain how this Roman Gary Lineker kicked the ball with the sole of his foot. But Housman was as bad at football as politicians. Nobody with any feeling for games could have written: "The goal stands up, the keeper, / Stands up to keep the goal." But did he move the goalposts?

The other current and ignorant sporting metaphor is the one about the level playing-field. This is widely used to convey the impeccable political sentiment that in such circumstances tendering for government contracts, all competitors should be considered equally, and none should have a special advantage.

Not a penny (more)

JEFFREY ARCHER, a man in a hurry if there was one, is expected to waste no time in getting onto the government front benches when he takes his seat in the Lords. The talk in the corridors of Westminster is of Archer becoming minister of state in David Mellor's "ministry of fun".

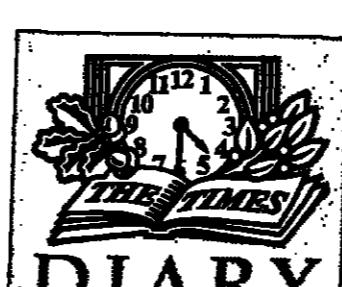
The post would give him the high profile he relishes, and bring some colour to the government. It would effectively make him David Mellor's number two, allowing the former sprinter to leapfrog Robert Key. Mellor's deputy in the Commons, who is an under-secretary of state.

There is only one hitch. Archer's critics point out that John Major's ministerial budget is already exhausted. There is no spare cash to pay the £45,000 salary which usually goes with the job. While this would be an insurmountable obstacle for most politicians, it is no problem for the multi-millionaire author, who is expected to waive the salary. Like Michael Heseltine, Archer would also forgo the ministerial Montego in favour of his own chauffeur-driven Daimler.

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appointment of Sir Derek Spencer as Solicitor-General.

But even the speedy Archer will have to wait before he takes a seat on the red leather. He is at the back of the queue for the allocation of titles, and there is a logjam of new peers waiting to see the Garter King of Arms, Sir Colin Cole.

So there is little Archer can do but drum his fingers until the new session starts in October. This would be an insurmountable obstacle for most politicians, it is no problem for the multi-millionaire author, who is expected to waive the salary. Like Michael Heseltine, Archer would also forgo the ministerial Montego in favour of his own chauffeur-driven Daimler.

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After the show, Prescott stunned the crew by falling to his knees and proposing marriage. Murray, taken aback by the gesture, graciously declined.

Mrs Prescott will doubtless be relieved.

John Kennedy
Prospectus



Oil and water

TALK of a new £100 million opera house to mark the millennium could run into problems other than funding. The mooted site in Jubilee Gardens next to the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank is overlooked by the imposing Shell Centre, and employees do not intend to give up their view, culture or no culture. "We own the freehold of the Shell Centre and there is a covenant which protects our line of sight across Jubilee Gardens," says a spokesman for Shell

International. "We enjoy the view — I'm watching a pleasure boat just now — and we intend to do so for some time to come."

Fine and private?

NO Maxwell asset is sacred, it seems. Fraud squad officers preparing to scale the mountains of paper involving the Mirror Group will be surprised to find one letter from two Maxwell pensioners. The venomous missive demands the immediate exhumation of the former publisher and the sale of his grave at up to £15,000.

It had always been Robert Maxwell's wish that he should be laid to rest in the exclusive cemetery facing the old walled city of Jerusalem, but the pensioners believe they have borne the entire cost of the ceremony.

Helen Liddell for the Mirror Group said yesterday: "These pensioners clearly feel the money from the sale would be better placed in the pension fund to help clear some of the debt." What they may not recognise is that the plot may be worth as little as £5,000.

Boris Pankin, the Russian ambassador to London, is taking a leaf out of Boris Yeltsin's book. While Yeltsin wins plaudits in America for his Mr Nice guy approach to international relations, Pankin is quashing rumours that he is suppressing the rabbit population on his country estate. Stories that he has invited his former KGB colleagues to the ambassadorial country retreat near Flitwick to shoot the rabbits are hotly denied. "It is absolute poppycock," says a spokesman for the embassy. "Yes, of course there are lots of rabbits but there has certainly been no shooting. These days a former KGB mind wouldn't hurt a fly."



IRISH STEADY EUROPE

Community eyes are smiling today. Ireland's decisive referendum vote to ratify the Maastricht treaty has given Europe's flustered leaders a breathing space. Any other result would have paralysed negotiations on Europe's future, especially the completion of the single market and enlargement.

But although Douglas Hurd and fellow foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg today can plan the Lisbon summit agenda with a lighter mind, they cannot now act as though the earlier Danish referendum had never happened. And whatever proposals Community leaders concoct to get round the Danish roadblock, they simply ignore the fact that since, and because of, that referendum result, public opinion in the rest of Europe has shifted.

Ireland's endorsement of Maastricht may help President Mitterrand in his uphill task to persuade a sceptical France to follow suit.

On paper he should have no difficulty, though French voters are notoriously contrary: no one has forgotten de Gaulle's disastrous referendum on devolution.

Britain, soon to be president of the Community, has to decide how best to proceed over Maastricht. Like other countries, it wants to salvage many important things from the wreckage. Mr Major sees real advantages in giving more teeth to the European Parliament and an institutional framework to inter-governmental cooperation on drugs, terrorism and immigration. He is also convinced that spelling out the principle of subsidiarity and defining the limits of the Commission's power will check the empire-building by Brussels. Something must clearly be done to satisfy Danish (and British) misgivings.

Ratification by the other 11 would not alone be enough reason to ask Denmark for another vote on something already decided.

Either the circumstances or the package would have to be different. Enlargement of the Community, bringing in fellow Scandinavians in Sweden and Finland, would ease popular suspicions. Britain has made a swift opening of these negotiations a

priority for its leadership. More is needed. Public opinion in Denmark — and the polls show, in Germany, France and other formerly staunch advocates of European federalism — must be convinced that any draft treaty between member states of the EC respects the sovereignty of nation states, and their customs and institutions.

The danger of formal renegotiation is that the Maastricht package is a compilation of compromises: tilt the balance this way or that in response to each member's hankering and everything might unravel. At a time when Eastern Europe is being sucked into a vortex of instability, a West obsessed by its own divisions for the next two years would be the worst thing for the continent's stability.

It would be better if Britain, as Community president, set to work towards an "Edinburgh declaration", which could be adopted at the summit in Scotland in December. It would spell out a vision not of a tightly-knit centralised Community, but one more in tune with what Community voters — as opposed to the political establishment — clearly want. The declaration could either have binding force incorporating the text of the Maastricht treaty but dissociating the now emotive word Maastricht from what was agreed; or it could remain as a separate solemn undertaking, laying down the political and legal framework in which the original treaty is to be interpreted.

Meanwhile, no further pressure should be put on Denmark. Dark hints that the French and Germans are ready to lead a tighter-knit union of the original six members smack of crude blackmail. Such a proposal also seems increasingly unacceptable to those countries themselves. A treaty without Denmark is neither desirable nor legally feasible. The Danes have performed a valuable service in prompting a debate that should have occurred all over Europe a year ago. The Irish have shown that this debate need not be a headlong flight from everything negotiated last year. The Edinburgh declaration should be the culmination of Britain's presidency. Danish voters could honourably be asked to look at it and vote again.

CHARTERED CITIZENS

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Tyrants and Mountains, Tyrants and Mountains, published this week by Murray, £10.95

The achievements and goals of the citizen's charter to date are hardly the stuff high politics is made of. Giving the arrival time of the next bus? Running pilot schemes of evening sittings for small claims hearings? Yet the mundane, by definition, is what touches people's worlds. Most voters will be more directly affected by provisions in the citizen's charter that improve bus journeys than by grandioses plans for foreign policy to be decided at European Community level.

It is John Major's recognition that the small things in life are often the most important that gives the citizen's charter its political potency. The Liberal party realised this long ago, and won many council seats through their campaigns on such supposed trivialities as crooked paving stones and overflowing rubbish bins. If the pety exasperations of dealing with the public sector could be removed, satisfaction with its services would undoubtedly increase.

But there is service and there is service delivery. If the stationmaster is polite and wears a name badge, doubtless the fury of the delayed commuter will be somewhat tempered. If he or she is compensated for time spent waiting, the anger may subside a little more. It will not, however, be entirely abated until the train turns up.

The question still remains: can the citizen's charter deliver substantially better services or is it a veneer to disguise the cracks in public service that are due to underinvestment? Can trains be made to run on time by improving attitudes and management in British Rail? Or are the rolling stock, track and signalling simply not up to the job?

The answer will come with time. If the charter manages to eliminate much of the poor service that is due to inefficiency, the residue that can be put down to lack of money will be more visible. Ministers may initially find this embarrassing. But it is one of a piece with the charter's principles. Voters will see what their tax money is delivering. And choices about the allocation of public spending will at last become more transparent.

Money, however, will not be enough. Public servants need to be made more

HEREIN LIETH EXODUS

1 Verily the chairman of an Egyptian antiquities organisation spake unto the world's press yesterday, saying:

2 Lo, our archaeologists have surely discovered the ancient city whence Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt all those years ago, as recounted movingly in the Book of Exodus.

3 And behold, it is a mighty fortress 2,000 cubits by 1,000, with a great wall encircling a temple, a palace and 20 storerooms.

4 Hence did Rameses I pursue the children of Israel into the midst of the Red Sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen of the Middle Kingdom.

5 And the waters returned and covered all the host of Pharaoh, making it the wettest transpontine invasion in military history.

6 At any rate the site in Sinai east of the Suez canal is right, and the dates are about right, for the city of Rameses and Moses to have lain like a frog in the bullrushes beneath the sand of the Nile delta for thirty centuries.

7 It is a peculiarity of mankind to want both to hear marvels and at the same time explain away their magic with hard facts.

8 Thus Schliemann spoke with more PR science when he said at Mycenae, "I have gazed upon the face of Agamemnon."

9 Gorilla archaeologists declare that the Druids built Stonehenge, and that the Trojan Horse was really a battering-ram or a device to scale the walls of Ilium.

10 Other interpreters of dreams such as Joseph asseverate that Jason's Golden Fleece was a real fleece used by primitive miners to sift the river of Colchis for gold.

11 Such literal-minded idolators explain the drowning of Pharaoh's host by tidal wave caused by the volcanic eruption on Thera.

and the crossing of the Red Sea as a Sea of Reeds, boggy but passable in gumboots.

12 As for the Burning Bush, it was an early oil-strike by the president, and Lot's wife was not so much turned into a pillar of salt as died of dehydration in the wilderness.

13 Thou canst not have thy myth or thy apple of the tree of knowledge, and also eat it.

14 In these latter days archaeologists are deemed respectable scientists, with their carbon dating and writing up their findings for verification or disproof by their peers.

15 When they speak scientifically we must believe them, at any rate provisionally.

16 But because it is the function of scholarship to pursue truth as the eagle pursues the little coney on the high mountains, it behoves a scholar to smite the New Age alternative scientists who deceive the people with vain words.

17 When Man ceaseth to believe in the old gods, he stanth to believe in any old rubbish, from ley-lines to corn circles, to the promises of politicians that they can discern some light at the end of the tunnel.

18 Let us now praise famous men, the archaeologists who are discovering the roots of our past when the world was young.

19 But let us boo the charlatans who claim that Jesus was Tutankhamun, or who extract money from the frightened or credulous by claiming to forgive sins and heal the sick and the maimed over the holy television ark.

20 Truly Egypt hath been the land of wonders, ever since the time of Herodotus, and his father that begat him.

21 But the prudent man keepeth his wits about him, and remembeth that a myth is as good as a mile of pseudoscience.

Third World and missiles threat

From the Director of the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies

Sir, Your report (June 17) of the strategic arms agreement between Presidents Bush and Yeltsin suggests that the American commitment to share with Russia the technology necessary to build defences against ballistic missile attack will "automatically undermine the credibility" of the British Trident programme.

Providing that no limit is placed

on the number of missiles or warheads on each Trident submarine,

this is unlikely to be the case. As

presently conceived, missile defence

systems of the GPALS (Global

Protection Against Limited Strikes)

variety would provide protection

against up to 200 warheads. In other

words GPALS could cope with the

heightened risk of accidental, un-

authorised or small-scale strikes, but

not with an attack from a major

nuclear power.

The British Trident, however, is

capable of delivering up to 500

warheads, while the future French

strategic arsenal will include 600

sea-based M4/M5 warheads. As our

recent study *Countering Proliferation: New Criteria for European*

Security showed, any plausible

Soviet system of the GPALS type

could not prevent such robust forces

from providing an independent de-

fence capability (even allowing for

the fact that not all submarines

would be on station at any one time).

Moreover, the study concluded

that even if a Russian defensive

system incorporated space-borne as

well as ground-based sensors and

interceptors this would not render

the British and French nuclear

systems impotent or obsolete in the

foreseeable future.

When your reporter suggest

it is in Britain's interest to deploy

such systems in order to provide pro-

tection from nuclear states in the

Third World they are on stronger

ground. But it is not only those with

nuclear programmes we need to

worry about: there is also the threat

presented by Third World countries

possessing chemical or biological

warheads and the means to deliver

them.

Fifteen Third World countries

already possess ballistic missiles and

a further 24 are expected to acquire

them by the year 2000. By then 30

may have acquired an offensive

chemical capability while eight will

have acquired nuclear capability or an

advanced nuclear programme.

In addition to upsetting regional

power balances, missile proliferation

will pose severe problems for Western

power projection. In the absence of

ballistic missile defence British

military intervention such as that in

the Falklands or in the Gulf may

no longer be regarded as an acceptable

option.

A sympathetic British reappraisal

of GPALS — the modest but realistic

progeny of President Reagan's utopian

and much-derided Strategic

Defence Initiative (or "Star Wars") —

is long overdue.

Yours faithfully,

GERALD FROST,

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June 19.

Maxwell arrests

From Mr Jonathan Caplan, QC

Sir, Was it not a remarkable co-

incidence that television cameras

and the national press happened to

be present outside the Maxwell bro-

thers' homes at 6.30 yes-

terday morning, which just hap-

pened to be the moment that the

police arrived to arrest them?

If members of the police, or of the

Serious Fraud Office, are tipping off

the media so that they can film these

spectacles then the sooner this practice

is stamped out the better.

Memorial for flight pioneer who created aircraft carrier

BY KERRY GILL

A MEMORIAL is to be unveiled in Orkney marking the 75th anniversary of the first aircraft to land on the deck of a moving ship at sea. The pioneering event, marred by tragedy only days later, paved the way for the development of the modern aircraft carrier.

This weekend a large boulder will be heaved into place at the site of the wartime airfield used by Squadron Commander Edwin Dunning as he set off on his attempt to touch down on the deck of HMS *Furious*, steaming at speed in Scapa Flow within sight of the Grand Fleet and watched anxiously by senior staff of the Royal Navy.

Although the Americans had already managed to land an aircraft on a stationary ship — virtually a crash-landing — it was the perilous flight by Sqn Cdr Dunning, an officer in the emergent Royal Naval Air Service, that changed naval aviation by landing on a speeding ship.

At the end of 1916 a high-level conference was held on Orkney to find out how more aircraft could be taken to sea. The Grand Fleet aircraft committee decided that HMS *Furious*, being built on the Tyne, was an ideal candidate for conversion to allow a plane to land on a specially prepared flight deck.

Seven years ago this week *Furious* was commissioned. On August 2, 1917, Cdr Dunning took off for the historic first landing from a field at Smoogro overlooking Scapa Flow, aware that per-

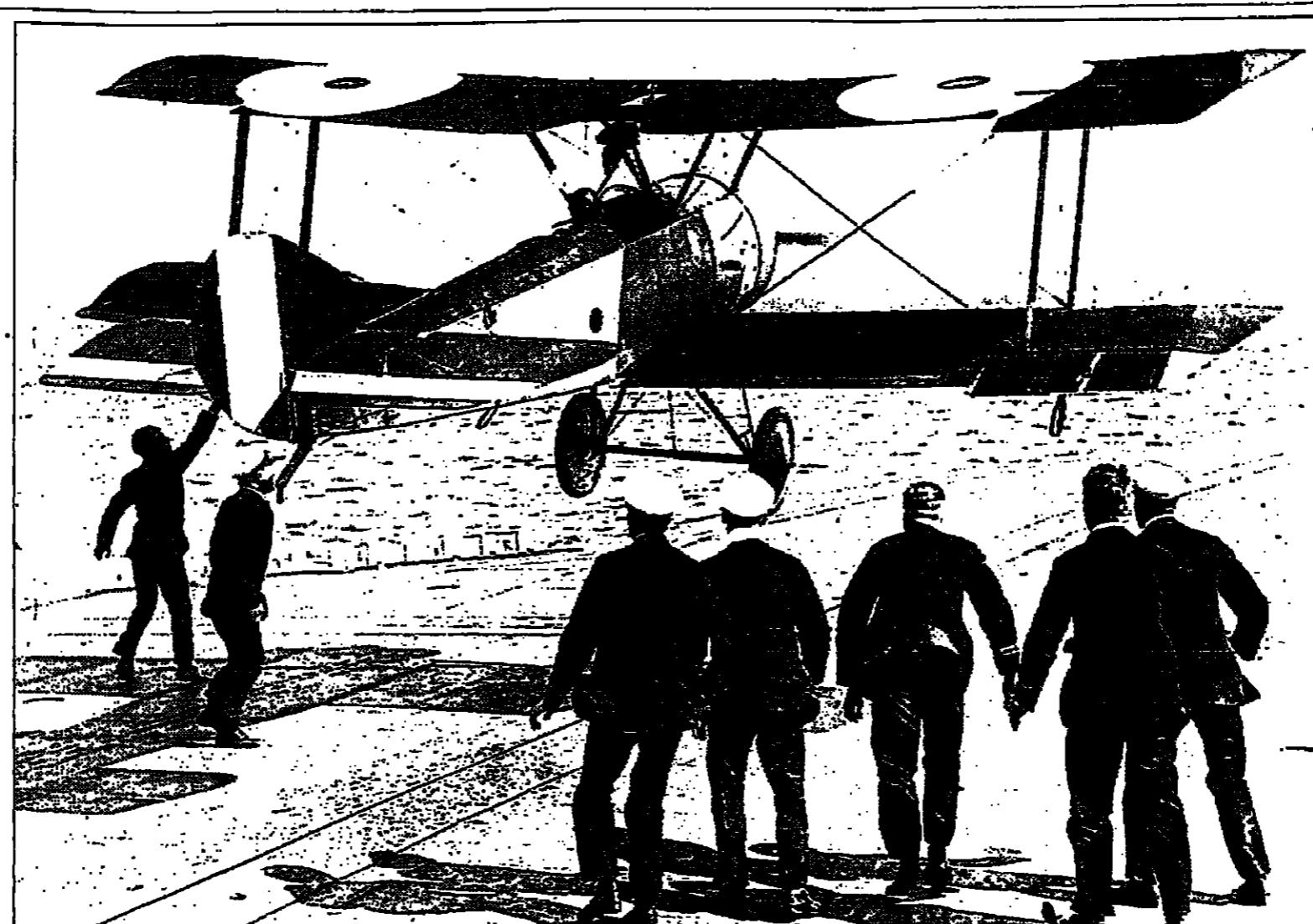
haps the most critical part of the operation would be bringing the plane to a halt as it had no wheel brakes.

HMS *Furious* was converted from a battle cruiser into an early aircraft carrier by removing her front gun turrets to create a 75yd flight deck. Until Cdr Dunning's flight, pilots could use the deck only to take off. They would then touch down at Smoogro from where the aircraft would be taken by barge to be craned aboard once more.

Brian Clouston, a landscape architect from Durham, who has made the memorial a personal quest, said yesterday: "What Dunning did was to fly alongside the ship which was travelling at more than 20 knots to a 22 knot wind. He then side-slipped, cut the engine and landed on the deck.

Pictures of the landing show people running behind the aircraft ready to pull it down." The first landing on a moving ship had taken place.

But the inscription on the sea-washed rock will not be a happy one. Dunning was killed attempting a third landing five days later, after making a second successful touchdown on August 7. "It would seem that he came down too far forward," Mr Clouston said. "He realised he had made a mistake and tried to rev the engine and take off again, but the engine cut out, there was a sudden squall and he was blown over the side. The ship was going extremely fast and by the time they turned



Happy landing: Cdr Dunning successfully landing an aircraft on a moving ship for the first time, seventy-five years ago off the Orkneys

round and recovered the plane he was dead."

Mr Clouston believes that a simple memorial is the most appropriate way to mark the anniversary. The sandstone boulder will be placed at the head of a pier he believes was used by the barge carrying the Sopwith Pups back to *Furious*.

Three years ago he bought Smoogro House, a manor house close to the shore of Scapa Flow. "It has been a struggle to raise funds," Mr Clouston said. "I approached bodies such as the Scottish Arts Council for help, but when none was forthcoming I decided to go ahead with the project myself."

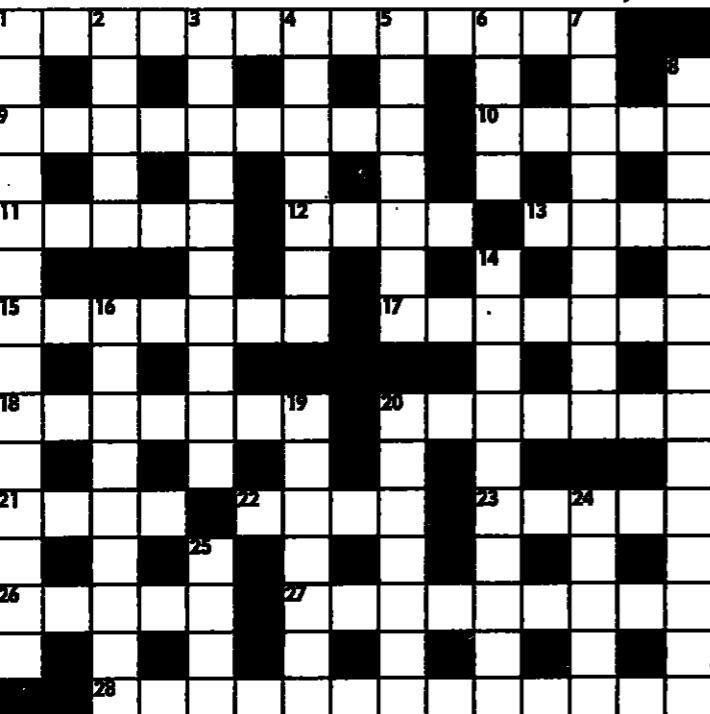


Dunning: creator of the aircraft carrier



Disaster: On his third landing Cdr Dunning's Sopwith Pup slips over the side

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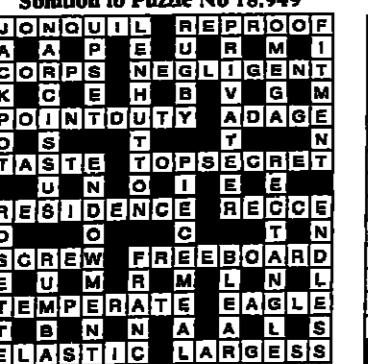


ACROSS

- Half-century achieved by pair? (6, 7)
- East German, royal champion, is in exile (9)
- Gold about to fall? A good buy. I'd say (5)
- Throw a dance (5)
- Ravel's name included in set of pieces (4)
- Sput, as teacher (4)
- Splendidly provided with boyfriend (7)
- Found drunk, he left righteous old lawyer (7)
- Creature's work, too large an amount (7)
- Maintain short story has no date (7)
- Unable to decide what game may be (4)
- Answer given by service people? (4)
- Resin made from cold gemstone (5)
- Unpleasant way to enter a denial (5)
- Polluted water-supply becoming an issue (9)
- Get grub out of football clothing (7-6)

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,944



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WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

EXENTERATE

- To dismember an heir
- To deprive of minority rights
- To disembowel

PAROREXIA

- Perverted appetite
- Reaching beyond
- Provisional rule by a deputy

DINMONT

- The mot of a Plantagenet castle
- A castrated ram
- The French jongueil

REABLE

- That can be thought about
- To legitimate or validate
- A fur overcoat

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WEATHER

Most regions will be dry, but Kent will probably have some patchy drizzle. Elsewhere will be rather cloudy with the best sunny spells in Wales and southwest England. Winds, light or moderate in the north, will be fresh to strong in the south and perhaps up to gale force near the southeast coast. Outlook: generally dry, becoming a little warmer.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: 1-thunder, d-drizzle, f-fog, g-gusty, h-hail, m-mist, n-north, r-rain, s-snow, w-wind, x-crosswind, y-warm, z-zest.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun	Rain	Max
Aberdeen	107	00	16
Anplesey	112	51	63
Belfast	115	18	64
Birmingham	109	21	63
Bournemouth	109	20	68
Bristol	54	20	68
Cardiff	94	15	63
Carlton	53	00	63
Exeter	56	03	64
Edinburgh	77	16	64
Faro	91	20	68
Fernando	121	20	68
Glasgow	104	17	63
Hastings	68	07	63
Lancaster	87	19	63
Littlehampton	92	19	68
Liverpool	125	17	63
London	104	04	63
Morecambe	114	19	63
Newcastle	81	14	57
Nottingham	103	19	63
Portsmouth	93	20	68
Sally Islets	129	16	61
Sheffield	71	20	68
Shoreham	89	17	63
Swanage	99	20	68
Tel Aviv	24	75	63
Tokyo	21	70	63
Toronto	101	20	68
Tunis	29	82	63
Valencia	27	81	63
Vancouver	18	64	59
Vienna	23	73	63
Locarno	21	70	63
Warsaw	28	77	63
Washington	21	70	63
Zurich	12	73	63
Zurich	42	108	63

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Cardiff weather centre, 21C (70F), lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall Hermitage, East Sussex, 10mm. Highest sunshine Aspasia, Cumbria, 13.5hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 8am, 9C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.48mm. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.12J (94.5W). Falling: 1.021 millibars-29.53hPa.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 8am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 10.1mm. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.18J (94.5W).

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buy	Bank Sells
Australia S	2.51	2.35
Austria Sch	21.60	20.10
Belgium Fr	655	585
Canada \$	2.34	2.18
Denmark Kr	11.79	11.04
Finland Mk	8.48	7.88
France Fr	10.40	9.97
Germany Dm	3,035	2,955
Greece Dr	371.00	346.00
Hong Kong S	14.55	13.95
Iceland Kr	1.14	1.07
Italy Lira	232.00	217.00
Japan Yen	253.50	234.50
Korea Wn	57	52
Norway Kr	12.01	11.21
Portugal Esc	233.75	225.75

Major warns Tory sceptics

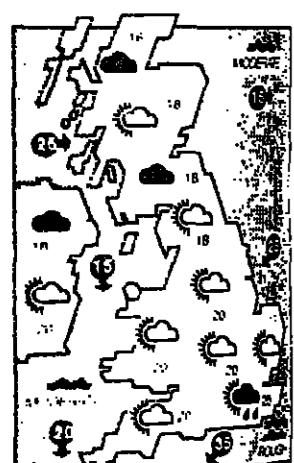
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ment is eventually during his senior colleagues' time for the difficulties remaining for the treaty or afterwards they may face when they reintroduce the legislation in the Commons later this year or early next in France's September referendum or in a second English one. They believe that a repeat of France's September referendum would kill it off.

Last night however, Mr Major was clearly telling the Tory rebels that he had no intention of bucking down on an agreement he negotiated in good faith. He said: "The questions before us are larger than the Maastricht Treaty. They relate to the very future of Europe itself. As far as I am concerned we made advances for the development of the Community as we wish to do so. I want to put that at risk, warn this country to be aware of Europe. Only if we are there can we have the influence."

He challenged the Eurosceptics by saying that the government's vision of the future was not the federal closed shop that many fear. "We have our own agenda for Europe - to press ahead with enlargement, to curb centralism, to strengthen subsidiarity, to have proper controls over the commission, to extend deregulation, to pursue CAP [Common Agricultural Policy] reform, to create a genuinely open market."

The sceptics, however, maintained that the Prime Minister changed nothing. Michael Spicer, MP for Worcester South said: "The last Denmark has decided not to ratify the treaty, and it is quite unanimous ratification". The Danish vote is said, nullifies the treaty.

PM



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WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY JUNE 20 1992

FILM

THE ADJUSTER (18): Atom Egoyan's usual tale of writerism, fantasy and displaced persons: visually seductive but hollow. *Elias Kotsis, Annette Khanjian*. Metro (071-437 0757).

AUTOBUS: Eric Rochant's story of a kowtow French youth who hijacks a school bus to impress his girl friend has funny moments, but not enough. *MGM Chelsea* (071-352 5096). *MGM Piccadilly* (071-437 3561).



Passionate: Jane March, Tony Leung in *The Lover*

BASIC INSTINCT (18): Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone ride a sordid psycho-sexual rollercoaster. *Director, Paul Verhoeven*. *MGM Baker Street* (071-935 9772). *MGM Chelsea* (071-352 5096). *MGM Piccadilly* (071-437 0311). *Odeon Kensington* (0426 914666). *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

THE FIVE HEARTBEATS (15): Bland but good-natured tale of a black rock 'n' roll group's American journey. Robert Townsend writes, directs and stars with Michael Wright, Rico Wells, Prince Charles (071-8181).

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE (15): Psychotic nanny (Rebecca De Mornay) wreaks revenge on a squeaky-clean family. Formula thriller with robust acting. Annabella Sciorra; director, Curtis Hanson. *MGM Fulham Road* (071-2636 0310). *MGM Trocadero* (071-434 0031). *Odeon Mezzanine* (071-495682). *Plaza* (071-497 9999). *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director, James Ivory. *Curzon Mayfair* (071-465 8865). *Curzon Phoenix* (071-240 9661).

JOHNNY SUEDE: Likeable urban fairytale about a lone innocent (Brad Pitt) in bedsheet, discovering love while dreaming hopelessly of success as a pop star. Tom DiCillo directs. *Camden Plaza* (071-485 2443). *Chelsea* (071-351 3742/3743). *Gates* (071-727 4043). *Lumière* (071-836 0691). *MGM Oxford Street* (071-636 0310).

THE LAWNMOWER MAN (15): Pierce Brosnan's computers turn a simpleton (Jeff Fahey) into a cyber-monster. New technology jamboree laid low by a muddled script. From a Stephen King story, director, Brett Leonard. *Camden Parkway* (071-267 7034). *Odeon Kensington* (0426 914666). *Leicester Square* (0426 915682). *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

THE LONG DAY CLOSES (12): Terence Davies's powerful evocation of childhood's lost paradise. With Leigh McCormack, Marjorie Yates. *Curzon West End* (071-439 4805).

THE LOVER (18): Jean-Jacques Annaud's over-careful, faithfully erotic adaptation of Marguerite Duras's autobiographical novella, about an adolescent girl's discovery of sex and love in Twenties colonial Indo-China. *Barbican* (071-638 8891). *MGM Fulham Road* (071-2636). *MGM Haymarket* (071-839 1527). *MGM Shaftesbury Avenue* (071-836 6279/79 7025). *MGM Trocadero* (071-434 0031). *Scren* on the Green (071-226 3520). *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

THE MAMBO KINGS (15): Smartly mounted but simplistic version of Oscar Hijuelos's novel about Cuban musicians in New York. Armand Assante, Antonio Banderas; director, Arne Glommer. *MGM Fulham Road* (071-370 2636). *MGM Tottenham Court Road* (071-636 6148). *MGM Trocadero* (071-434 0031). *Odeon Kensington* (0426 914666). *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

PARADISE: French box-office success, *Le Grand Chemin*, remake as sentimental rural Americana. Writer-director, Mary Agnes Donoghue, with Melanie Griffith. *MGM Haymarket* (071-839 1527). *MGM Tottenham Court Road* (071-636 6148). *MGM Trocadero* (071-434 0031). *Odeon Kensington* (0426 914666). *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

THE PLAYBOYS (12): Love and jealousy in an Irish village in 1957. Strong performances (Albert Finney, Robin Wright, Aidan Quinn), but too much blamey. Director, Gillies MacKinnon. *Camden Parkway* (071-267 7034). *MGM Chelsea* (071-352 5096). *Notting Hill Coronet* (071-727 6705). *Odeon Haymarket* (0426 915353).

STONE COLD (18): Unpleasant action thriller about a cop who infiltrates a biker gang. Director, Craig R. Baxley. *MGM Oxford Street* (071-636 0310). *MGM Trocadero* (071-434 0031). *Odeon Marble Arch* (0426 914501).

STRAIGHT TALK: Dolly Parton as a chatty Arkansas divorcee who comes to town and hits the big time masquerading as a radio psychologist. Directed by Barnett Kellyman. *Odeon: Kensington* (0426 914666). *West End* (0426 915754). *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

VAN GOGH (12): Maurice Pialat's masterly, no-nonsense portrait of the painter's last months. Fine performance from Jacques Dutronc. *Minema* (071-235 4225). *Renoir* (071-837 8402).

THEATRE

LONDON

THE BLUE ANGEL: Kelly Huemer and Philip Madoc in Trevor Nunn's intoxicating staging: angel of desire becomes the demon of destruction. *Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue*, W1 (071-944 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS: Transfer of the King's Head programme of Vivian Ellis tunes, 30 in all, including hits from *Bless the Bride*, *Whitehall*, *Whitehall, SW1* (071-857 1119). Previews from Tues, 8pm; opens June 29, 7pm.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: Philip Prowse's stylish RSC production, in London after a triumphant tour. Calious aristocrat, wronged woman: melodrama laced with Wilde's wit. *Theatre Royal, Haymarket*, London SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

REGIONAL

BRADFORD: Barry Rutter's Northern Broadsides company premieres its *Richard III* "with the Northern voice" for the Bradford Festival. Rutter as crooked Dick. *West Yorkshire Transport Museum*, Lundam Street Depot, Mill Lane (0274 752000). Wed-Sat, 7.30pm (one week only).

LEEDS: Gary Bond in a Leeds co-production with the Lyric, Hammersmith, of Ayckbourn's shrewd comedy, *Absent Friends*. *West Yorkshire Playhouse*, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Previews Thurs, 7.30pm; Mon-Sat, 8pm; opens next Sat, 8pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:

Peter Hall tackles *All's That Ends Well*, one of Shakespeare's trickiest plays, for his first production at the Swan. With Richard Johnson, Barbara Jefford. In the main theatre, John Nettles, after ten years fighting crime on Jersey, returns to Stratford to play the tyrant in *The Winter's Tale*.

Swan Theatre (079 295623). Previewing from Wed, 7pm; opens June 30, 7pm.

GRAND HOTEL: New York hit musical based on the 1930s film and Vicki Baum's novel. Glitter and glamour in a doomed world. With

Liliane Montevetechi in *Grand Hotel*, transferred from Broadway

London premiere of his new work, *Mmm...* (also Michael's *Modern Masterpiece*), an aggressive, charged piece centred on Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*.

The four dancers are joined by Clark's 68-year-old mother who makes a guest appearance. As remarkable as the choreography is the venue: a non-theatrical warehouse space tucked away behind King's Cross station.

Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-944 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sun, 3pm.

ROCK

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:

Despite competition from other festivals in the summer season, Glastonbury looks to be the best line-up this year. It kicks off on Friday with, among others, rave darlings Primal Scream, retro-rockers Teenage Fanclub and the Levellers, without whose hippy waywardness no self-respecting rock festival would be complete. The highlights for Saturday and Sunday include the ethereal folksters Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Alison Moyet, Lou Reed, Van Morrison, The Shamen and Spiritualized.

Glastonbury, Somerset (0272 767 888 or ticket agencies 071-734 8932, 071-379 4444), Fri-next Sun, 10.30am-12.30am.

ELTON JOHN: After his successful gigs with George Michael, the star teams up with Eric Clapton at Wembley after playing solo in Shoreditch.

Arena, Sheffield (0742 565 656), tomorrow and Mon, 6.30pm.

WILL BERRY: A welcome tour from the seasoned trumpeter and cornetist who played in the Duke Ellington orchestra in the States.

The Playhouse, Alnwick (0665 510785), today, 7.15pm. *Pizza Express*, London W1 (071-437 9595), Wed, 7.45pm. *Rose & Crown, Kings Langley*, Herts (0523 262462), Thurs, 8pm.

EVENINGS OUT

ROSE BOYD

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DANCE

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET:

The company has cut its annual Coliseum season down to one week but is still managing to present five new pieces in a single evening. Robert North's

commissioned work, *A Stranger / Came*, is set to music by Franz Schubert. Ben Stevenson's is an expression of gratitude to Liza Minnelli, who helped save the National Ballet of Washington with a fund-raising performance in 1974. David Parsons contributes two ballets: *The Envelope*, a smart and humorous waltz, and *Sleep Study*, which depicts several dancers in pyjamas. Also featured is the world premiere of *La Bohème*, a new work by Dominic Muldowney, commissioned by the festival and performed by Timothy Hugh (cello) and Chi-chi Nwanoku (piano), in a programme that also includes music by Schmitke, Paparini and Pleyel (Wed, 9pm); and the final concert of the festival, which features the London premiere of *El Shaddai* by John Taverner, performed together with Haydn's Nelson Mass, by the City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox (Friday at 7.30pm). *Christ Church, Spitalfields*, Commercial Street, London E1 (071-377 0287).

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY:

One of the highlights of the dance calendar is the world premiere

tonight of the first work created for a British company by Merce Cunningham, the American father of post-modern dance. The new piece, *Touché*, has music by Michael Pugliese and design by Mark Lancaster, but as usual with Cunningham, the music and design have a purely arbitrary relationship to the dance. All the elements in his work are created independently and only come together on opening night.

Royal Theatre, Portugal Street, London WC2 (071-495 5090), tonight, Tues-Thurs, 7.30pm.

MICHAEL CLARK COMPANY:

The one-time enfant terrible of British dance is presenting the

final week of this year's festival

continues the enterprising policy

of mixing early music and contemporary work. Remaining

highlights include the world

premiere of *Golden Moments*, a

new work by Dominic Muldowney,

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OPERA

LONDON OPERA FESTIVAL:

Offerings this second week in-

clude *Jurimelis (The Silent Twins)* a

story of twin sisters who share a

secret language, based on the

novel by Manyan Wallace. Words

are by Michel Rostan, who also

directs. The music, which combines

jazz, pop and electronics with live

saxophone and percussion, is by

James Groudin and Pierre-Alain

Jaffrenou. Last performance

(The Place, 7.30pm).

From Wednesday to Saturday, 7.30pm;

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Benedict Nightingale reviews John Guare's *Six Degrees of Separation*, at the Royal Court Theatre

Questions from a dark stranger

If you have not been wintering in Upper Volta or summering in Ulan Bator you will presumably know by now that John Guare's tragic-comedy is loosely based on fact. A young black conman did, indeed, talk his way into the apartments of the kind of rich, sophisticated New Yorkers who hire Cerberus to guard them, and won their trust by claiming to be the son of Sidney Poitier. Out of that suggestive story, told him at a dinner party, Guare fashioned one of the most successful American plays of recent times, a piece that sends up Fifth Avenue liberals and their children, celebrates the imagination, deplores the divisions of the contemporary world, and asks rueful questions about human value.

That would seem enough to justify the play's arrival at the Royal Court, especially as Stockard Channing once again brings her subtle strengths to the role she created at Lincoln Center in 1990. Ouisa, as she is called, is married to Paul Shelly's Flan, an art-dealer who has all but forgotten that he once prised Cezanne for more than making him a killing in Tokyo. Suddenly one of the half-friendly, half-mercenary dinner parties in which she and he specialise is interrupted by the appearance of a bleeding black man. He has been mugged; he knows their children at Harvard; he is Paul Poitier, the actor's son. So he says with eloquence and charm, and, until

they find he has somehow inveigled a hustler into the bed they lend him, they fully believe him. Other wealthy Manhattan gurus enthusiastically follow their lead.

Guare's first achievement is satirical. This is a world of dubious deals and enlightened opinions about, for instance, the coming revolution in South Africa. The arrival of a personable black of impeccable pedigree fills everybody with astonished delight. But in their disillusion they mentally transform the intruder into a would-be murderer and a "crying black kid crack addict". Nor do the children emerge more creditably than the parents they then proceed to assault with accusations of racism, McCarthyism and with shrill, spoiled yells of "you cretin, you creep, no wonder mom left you!"

This is lively, funny stuff and then the play darkens and, to some extent, deepens. Paul turns up in Central Park, now claiming that Flan is his father, and driving to suicide a callow out-of-towner he robs of his savings and seduces. Yet, as Guare sees it, the destruction is inadvertent and the conman far from vicious. We never learn Paul's last name, still less that of his real father. He is an example of rootlessness and ghetto anonymity: a sort of male Eliza Dolittle, sensitive and smart, in search of identity, home, self-improvement and, perhaps, love.

The danger of sentimentality is obvious and not altogether avoided



Ingenuous yet wry: Stockard Channing as Ouisa brings her strengths to the role she created in 1990

even by Phyllida Lloyd's cast, which proves as energetic as Guare's punchy, freewheeling script. Adrian Lester's Paul, intense and winsome, should perhaps bring more hunger and more menace to the flashback in which we briefly meet his pet Higgins. But Stockard Channing is as strong as she could be, with her ingenuous yet wry grits and, after she has recovered from being tricked, her gritty concern for the trickster. How many actresses in this country

are capable one moment of sly comedy, the next of open, unaffected emotion?

Channing it is who explains the title. Every person in the world could meet every other person if only he knew the six people whose knowledge of each other forms a chain linking them. If one of Guare's overriding ideas is the power and misuse of the imagination — mentioned as well as embodied by Paul — another is the fragmentation of the human family

and the individual psyche.

Mark Thompson's set, with its receding doorways-within-doorways, seems awkwardly abstract at times, but the giant, spinning Kandinsky seen at the start makes itself felt. Ouisa is not the only one whose life, as she says, has "colour without structure".

This is cerebral stuff, imposed a bit self-consciously on the story. For most people, the story, plot and action will be revelation enough. This is one of the most absorbing evenings in town.

DONALD COOPER

Gimmicks aplenty, but little substance

THEATRE

As You Like It
Open Air,
Regent's Park

A nd still they come: a romp of Rosalinds, a jabber of Jacques's, an oomph (or, sometimes, an ooze) of Orlandos. This is the fourth As You Like It I have had cause to review since December, which seems to me pretty good going for a play whose title Shaw suggested was a sly sneer, directed by Shakespeare at his text and the groundlings to whom it pandered.

I am no wiser about the reasons for the play's burgeoning popularity after seeing Maria Aitken's production, which is the most eccentric to date, quirkiest even than the high-camp version Cheek by Jowl recently brought to London. Her conceit is to frame the action within a movie that is being shot in a garden like that (as she suggests in the programme) at Lord Berners's Faringdon House in the Thirties. "The ideas that energise the play," she explains, "ideas of the real and the fantastic, of romance and detachment, of the artificial and the natural, are all central to the business of filmmaking."

By the same token *Antony and Cleopatra*, being a warning against getting emotionally overheated and morally charred, could be set in a



MARILYN KINGWILL
Oliver Parker, Sarah-Jane Holm and Cathryn Harrison

kitchen. Certainly, Aitken's analogy seems more strained than illuminating. But it brings onto the Regent's Park sward plenty of cameras, lamps and sound-booms, along with bustling technicians, a make-up girl, and a scattering of upper-crust spectators and champagne picnickers. The director, dressed as for a game of polo, sits grandly in his moving scaffolding, then climbs down to take the role of Jaques, a character Aitken describes as a kind of pristine Korda, "full of the whimsical certainties of that breed".

Is it nitpicking to point out that directors usually shout "action" more than once every quarter-hour or so, that indoor scenes are not often shot outside, that even in the Thirties locations changed, and that the filming of a period play should stop when planes pass overhead? Probably. But such cute additions as a speech repeated in close-up, or a short

scene run backwards, serve only to emphasise that this is less a re-interpretation, more a gratuitous gimmick. Indeed, Aitken simply forgets the film-making for much of the second half — to the benefit of what, behind it all, is actually a brisk, plain-sailing and un-gimmicky production.

A theatre whose ceiling is the ozone layer is not friendly to subtlety or to larynxes, which may explain why Oliver Parker's Orlando sounds so harsh and, at times, Caithlyn Harrison's Rosalind so shrill. Yet the former is attractive enough and, once she has renounced the displeasing leer she brings to her first scene, the latter is something more: a bright, sharp girl who slots nimbly into the role of Arden's Artful Dodger. She could,

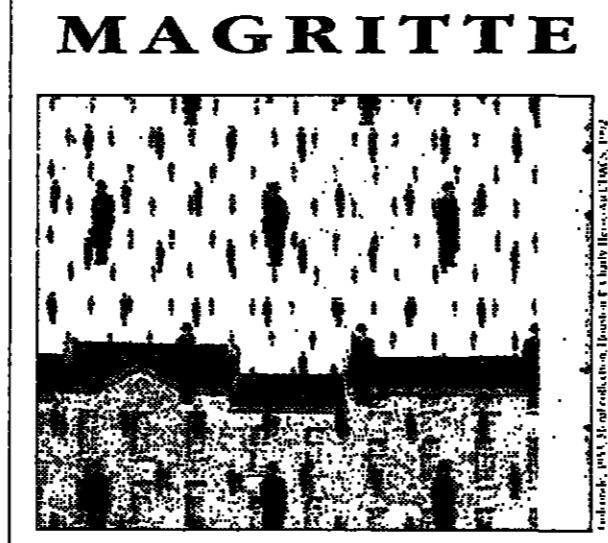
though, learn something about passion from Anna Patrick, the most lovelorn Phebe I can recall. Sarah-Jane Holm is Celia.

John Kane's silly-ass Touchstone has his moments, but the evening's performance is the transformed director, Jaques, of Bette Bourne, the erstwhile leader of the gender-challenging Bloolips troupe. With his black wig, white fur coat and precious manner, he might be a blend of a Restoration top, a polar bear and something from *La Cage aux Folles*; but his raddled face and hurt looks add a darker dimension. This Jaques indeed has "a melancholy of mine own": private, lonely, gay and wretched.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

The creative sluice-gates are opened by Middleton's encounter with Moll Cutpurse, the real character who would inspire his play *The Roaring Girl*. Clad in men's attire, she was a swagging virago well known in the Jacobean underworld. This play portrays her as concentrating on receiving and laundering stolen goods, considering retirement because of failing eyesight, and falling in love with a country girl in the service of a villainous lord.

Already the lack of background to the characters is apparent — Middleton's marriage, the maid-servant's rural antecedents. Moll's apparent emotional self-containment until now, The blackamoor thief is better served and Jim Findley brings authority to an aspiring actor, lamenting the tendency of white thespians to



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Where to buy the best fish and tips

People travel miles to buy fresh seafood at Abergavenny. The reason is a shop thriving on old-fashioned quality and service. Deirdre McQuillan says

Tuesday is market day in Abergavenny. People still come up from The Valleys for an outing, strolling around town and inspecting the livestock put up for auction. Today small numbers come in cars in place of the great crowds that used to sweep off the trains and fill the streets. Things change and not always for the better — the main station is now two miles away. But whereas a generation ago a quarto pint of cockles or a few dried up shrimps to eat as you wandered was consummate luxury, modern trippers can buy Carew oysters or, if they cared to order beforehand, some spiny sea urchins cut in half so that the rich roe can be picked out.

The source of these good things is Vin Sullivan in the high street, an extraordinary enterprise and a source of pride to the town. Vin Sullivan is a shop that sells local game and good poultry from France and Britain, but most especially fish. There are 40 to 50 species offered every day. These include wild Welsh and Scotch salmon, firm queen scallops, whole bonito and tiny squid. Nearly all the flat fish are on sale, from meagre to perfect young turbot 2ft long that were landed in Grimsby the day before. Red snappers and grey mullet gleam from the ice.

Vin Sullivan smells just as a fishmonger's shop should, that is of almost nothing. Perhaps a slight sea odour carried 60 miles inland. A carved blackboard in the street advertises the day's attractions. The interior has just been refitted with a green floor, wooden ceiling and gleaming steel and glass cabinets. Waggs are always wanting to buy and fry the fancy goldfish that swim in a tank near the window.

The fish for sale are dis-



Pride of Abergavenny: outside the Vin Sullivan shop

played in an orderly rather than artful way on an L-shaped steel counter that runs the whole length of the shop. Buying big, exotic fish that no one really wants in order to make a good window display is not Vin Sullivan's way of operating. Each morning the counter is packed with 100lb of ice made by the shop's machine in small, smooth shapes that will not bruise the tender flesh of the Dover sole.

Behind it are fishmongers Sam Milburn, Lyn Williams and Maggie Chapman, wearing green aprons and waiting to explain the intricacies of names and flavours, and to fillet out the bones.

This business of names has become even more complicated recently because the government has decided it would be a good thing for each fish only to go by one name all round the country. So the poor old rock salmon, whose pretensions never fooled anyone, is now officially the huss, although it is actually dog fish, a small relation of the

shark. "Huss (Rock Salmon) £1.98" is how it is labelled at Vin Sullivan, where the staff look forward to learning whether the sardine will become a pilchard or the pilchard rejuvenated as a sardine. Either name describes the same fish at a different age.

"Megrin is not the same as witch," Mrs Chapman explains, holding up a fillet for a customer. "It is a plainer, drier fish. This is just up from the south coast and reasonably priced, but it tastes best fried. What did you have in mind?" Set ideas tend to vanish.

There are plump shining sea bass at an incredible £4.80 a pound (roughly half the London price), and grey hake with bright red gills that show they are not long out of the water. The bass are farmed and air-freighted from California, hence the price. The hake, which normally goes straight to Spanish markets, is a traditional favourite of the southern Welsh, too. When a haul is landed in British or Irish ports the agents phone Abergavenny, because the shop across the counter so its flesh can be filleted and gills inspected.

Mr Milburn fears this breaks our new, draconian hygiene rules. What doesn't? There is a danger that these laws will only be satisfied when customer, assistant and food are separately vacuum-packed and held at a temperature of less than 5C. They are already making the working lives of food specialists, who know perfectly well how to sell their goods safely and in peak condition, unnecessarily miserable.

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King of the castle cod steaks
Ingredients per person:
1 8oz cod steak, skinned if preferred
squeeze of fresh lemon juice
½ clove garlic
1 oz butter
2oz Caerphilly cheese, grated
2oz fresh white breadcrumbs
1oz freshly chopped parsley

Lightly butter an ovenproof dish. Put in fish and season with freshly ground pepper and salt and a squeeze of lemon juice. Mash garlic to a paste, mix with breadcrumbs, cheese and parsley, pile on top of fish and bake in a hot oven for 20-30 minutes.

can supply any fish or shellfish the best restaurants might have. Enthusiasts drive from Cardiff, Birmingham and Bristol.

A lot of money has moved into Abergavenny as managers buy up farmhouses and cottages. One immaculately dressed woman calls in with her little girl to thank Mr Milburn for poaching and dressing three salmon for her buffet last week. Little old ladies buy fish for themselves and a bit for the cat. And a family of day-trippers are excited to find they can get the tuna and swordfish tasted on Mediterranean holidays, and take it home for tea.

Everyone is treated with friendly patience that extends to cleaning the tiny guts out of sardines and loaning fish kettles or recipe books. The staff, who are predominantly female, have a graceful way of holding up a fish so that a purchaser can take a good look. To those who ask, the fish is offered across the counter so its flesh can be filleted and gills inspected.

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Catch of the day: Tony Summers, Margaret Chapman and Sam Milburn among the display of up to 50 different species

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Britain. The scheme took off when an Italian called Franco Taruschio took over The Walnut Tree Inn at nearby Llandewi Skirrid and began cooking his own food, now so famous. "Franco would come and ask me could I find this and could I buy that for him?" Mr Sullivan says. "I liked the challenge and when I succeeded other restaurants heard about it and started phoning me. I learn a lot from Franco."

It is the trade Mr Sullivan

does buying fish directly from the ports and selling to restaurants that enables his shop to keep such high standards. Until 1984 callers at the old shop could buy anything supplied to the trade: tropical fruits, salad leaves, cheeses straight from France, suckling pigs and wonderful ham. This was the place where Pamela, Lady Harlech, the journalist and producer, said she wanted to go to if able to choose her own heaven.

"We had to get a proper

warehouse and depots out of the old town centre, and then it became difficult to deal in half a pound of this and a few ounces of that for the public," Mr Sullivan says. "I took a decision to specialise and return to the old poultry, game and fish shop and to try to run that really well."

● Vin Sullivan, 4 Frogmore Street, Abergavenny, Tel: 0972 356939. Open 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat.

● From today, Jonathan Meades's column will appear in the *Saturday Review*.

KIND FOOD: ALISON JOHNSON

Wild one tops the catch

LAST year the catch of wild salmon in Scotland's rivers was the lowest since records began. The Salmon and Trout Association is blaming the decline on the commercial fishery for sand eels, on which the young salmon feed before returning to their rivers. Why are the sand eels being fished anyway? To feed intensively kept pigs and poultry — and farmed salmon.

While wild salmon are in drastic decline, the salmon farming industry is in a desperate plight because it insists on producing too much of the stuff, at 4.5 tonnes of sand eels to every tonne of salmon harvested.

They can't get rid of it, even at the modest prices it sells at in the shops. No amount of marketing seems able to push consumption further.

The truth, although salmon producers can't see it, is that salmon is a rich, oily fish to be eaten only five or six times in a summer as a treat, and then forgotten until next year.

As with battery chicken,

farmed salmon are raised unnaturally quickly to a standard weight, on a standard diet.

We don't buy as much of it as the salmon farmers would like, but why do we buy it at all? One reason, I suppose, is that in this country we have got used to having all sorts of formerly seasonal foods available all year round. Choosing from a restaurant menu or shopping for a dinner party, we expect to choose salmon and strawberries as easily in February or October as in the early summer of which they

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present troubles perhaps indicate that it is.

Salmon farming, like all

other forms of factory farm-

ing, is big business, and if it collapses people lose jobs.

But spare a thought for the farmed, as are the farmers. The truth is that they are routinely stocked at 12 large salmon per cubic metre, swimming ceaselessly round their net prisons, unable to survive their close confinement without constant drugging and disinfecting.

So go for salmon in season, which it is now, if it isn't labelled wild, it is farmed.

The recipe below is a

traditional Swedish mid-

summer dish. It is also good

made with mackerel. If you

bottle at the

amount of sugar, cut

down to half.

Gravad lax

700g/1½lb salmon fillet

For pickle:

30g/1oz each sea salt

and caster sugar

1 tsp ground black

pepper

2tbsp chopped fresh

dill or

then dried

2tbsp brandy or other

spirit

For sauce:

2tbsp French mustard

30g/1oz caster sugar

1 egg yolk

100ml/4fl oz olive oil

2tbsp white wine vinegar

fresh dill, salt and black pepper to taste

when the real thing isn't available, even in season:



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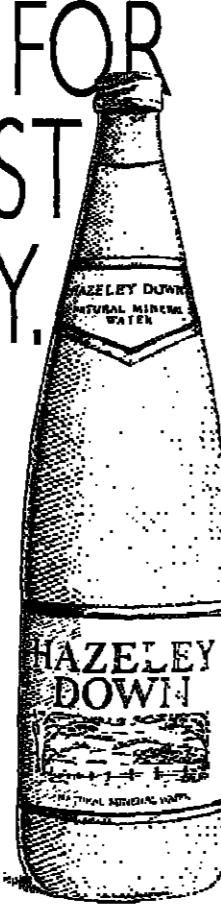
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ENTERTAINING AT HOME
Angela Fox



because I hope they will strike up some sort of bond. Once in a blue moon it goes wrong. But because I've always taken as much trouble over mixing people as mixing the pud, it's rarely always riotous.

I don't think I'm a snob — but of course I am — but there are certain things I don't like. I don't like people who drink too much — they don't fit in — and although people can smoke if they want to, I'd much rather they didn't.

I love keeping open house.

There's this linking of generations. My friends take my family on — my family takes my friends on. We don't expect people to be saints, but we do like them to be first-class at what they do, or to be first-class people, however simple and unknown. So there are nearly always people here who are far, far cleverer than I. It's so stimulating and interesting — it's my joy in life. After all, when you're as old as I am, you die if you don't meet young, new and different people all the time.

Of course, I couldn't do all this on my own. I'm terribly spoilt because I have wonderful friends who work for me — I do hate that expression. "They work for me", and always try to say "We work together". Mary's been with me for 40 years. You just couldn't have as many people here as I do unless you've got a saint working for you.

The standard of food is good. Good roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, lovely vegetables, a pudding and cheese. Plenty of wine, of course. I try not to have grand wines.

My sons and their families visit all the time. A lot of theatre people, too — Maggie Smith and her husband are often here. Lots of writers come from America, people from France, people whom perhaps I knew when my husband was alive because he was so much a figure of the theatre.

My aim always is to get people together, not so much because of their rank, but

Melt the chocolate over a low heat, preferably using a double saucepan. Separate eggs and beat the yolks into the chocolate mixture away from heat. Whisk the egg whites stiffly and fold carefully into the

Cherries ripe for summer dishes

With the traditional 'heralds of summer' full and fair, Frances Bissell, the *Times* cook, shares some favourite recipes

IN APRIL I drove through northern Burgundy and saw cherry orchards in blossom on the slopes above Corgnac-la-Vineuse, St Bris-le-Vineux and Irancy, where vineyards might otherwise have been. In the Médoc last week the trees were full of ripening fruit.

The French markets this week are piled with trays of cherries from the Tarn and Garonne valleys, and down in the Basque country it is most unlikely that the *cure* of *frassou* will have had no go and buy cherries in Spain for the village's Fête des Cerises, held last Sunday (last year a local chef told me that this is what sometimes happens if the cherry season is late).

Cherries are not the only fruit that herald midsummer. Melons from Cavallo perfume the air, as will melons from the Charente later in the season. Fresh almonds, the first of the raspberries and exquisite *frises des bois* make me want to plan any number of *déjeuners sur l'herbe*, with little more to eat than baskets of fruit and fresh white cheeses laid on vine leaves.

I find the cherries most tempting. Cherry jam is one of my favourites, yet stoning cherries is a messy and lengthy process — and it might be considered anti-social not to stone them if you are making jam. There are gadgets such as olive stoners, and a French *tru* for stoning cherries in which the cherries are placed in a chute, a lever pressed, the stones drop into a clear plastic container and the cherries slide into a bowl. As the cherry season is so short in Britain, perhaps we should not grudge the time spent on them: switch on the cricket commentary, the afternoon play or a soothing CD, and you will have stoned a few pounds in no time. Then you can make jam, ice-cream, sauce, Black Forest cake, pancake fillings and cherry pie.

There are two main types of cherries, sweet and sour. More than 300 varieties of sweet cherries have been recorded, but, as with most horticultural and agricultural produce, only a few varieties are available commercially. Some headway has been made in the reintroduction of traditional native apple varieties, and it would be very cheering to think that the same might happen for cherries.

Of the sweet cherries, we are most familiar with the gean, or *guigne*, and the heart, or *bigrave*. The first have soft, tender, juicy flesh and include Waterloos, Elton, Eagle, Early Purple and Black Tanarian; the hearts are firmer, sweet-fleshed with a slightly crisper texture if something as tender as a cherry can be described as crisp. Windsor, Schmidt and Mezel in Britain, *burlet*, *reverchon*, *van* and *coeur de pigeon* in France.

TO achieve a good set for cherry jam, extra acid and pectin are needed: these are found in goose-

berries and redcurrants. Make a juice by cooking 6oz/170g or so of either fruit in just over 1pt/300ml water, crushing and then straining through a fine sieve.

Cherry jam

(makes about 4lb/1.8kg)
1½-2lb/680-900g granulated sugar
(depending on the sweetness of the fruit)
4pt/430ml gooseberry or
redcurrant juice
2lb/900g stoned cherries

Put the sugar and 1pt/40ml juice in a saucepan and heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Add the rest of the juice and cherries, bring to the boil, and boil rapidly until setting point is reached. Spoon into clean, hot jars and seal and label.

Kirsch

(serves 4-6)
1lb/450g stoned cherries
2pt/1.15l water
5oz/140g sugar
2oz/60g potato flour

Simmer the cherries and water for ten minutes. Crush in the pan, with a large wooden spoon, electric hand-blender or potato masher, and cook for a further two minutes. Strain into a clean saucepan, add the sugar, and heat the juice. Mix the flour with 2tbsp cold water, and stir into the juice as soon as it comes to the boil. Stirring the mixture boil for one minute.

When buying cherries, look at the stem carefully, as this is the best indicator of freshness. It should be green and flexible. Dry, brown, brittle stems tell you that the fruit was picked some time ago. Sound, unsplit fruit will keep for up to six days in the refrigerator if covered.

Summer pickle

(makes 12-15 servings)
12 small onions, peeled
12 black unstoned olives
12 green olives
12 button mushrooms, wiped
12 small radishes, topped and tailed
12 unstoned cherries
12 cherry tomatoes
4 garlic cloves, peeled and quartered lengthways
1tsp sea salt
1tsp sugar
1tsp ground cumin
1tsp ground coriander
cayenne to taste (optional)
2 cloves
1 small piece cinnamon
1pt/40ml olive oil
4pt/70ml sherry vinegar or
wine vinegar
1tbsp kirsch (optional)

Blanch the onions for two-three minutes and put in a large glass jar or bowl with the rest of the vegetables and fruit. Put the spices and liquids in a small saucepan and bring gently just to simmering point. Remove from the heat and strain the hot juices over the gelatine. Stir until the gelatine has dissolved. Sweeten the liquid to taste. Wet the mould and put in the cherries. Pour on the liquid and, when cold, refrigerate until set. Turn out of the mould and serve.

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rolls in the cherries. Alternatively, serve the biscuits unrolled and serve them on a plate to accompany the cherries and ice-cream. In the original version, the ice-cream I had was pistachio, made with pistachio paste, which is like marzipan or almond paste. However, it is not easy to obtain outside wholesale suppliers, and I have given a version for almond ice-cream.

Cherries in red wine jelly

(serves 6-8) — use a 1lb/500g loaf tin or jelly mould

3 leaves or 3tsp gelatine

½pt/280ml good dry red wine

½lb/230g stoned sweet cherries

sugar to taste

Soften the gelatine in 1pt/140ml red wine. Put the cherries and remaining wine in a saucepan and bring gently just to simmering point. Remove from the heat and strain the hot juices over the gelatine. Stir until the gelatine has dissolved. Sweeten the liquid to taste. Wet the mould and put in the cherries. Pour on the liquid and, when cold, refrigerate until set. Turn out of the mould and serve.

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FRANCE

GREAT CLASSICS: CLAFOUTIS

TRADITIONALLY a harvest dish of central France, *clafoutis* is simple to cook and the ingredients are inexpensive and available in most store cupboards. It is almost identical to the English hasty puddings, a thick batter poured over fruit and baked in the oven.

Jean-Marie Gautier, the executive chef at the Hotel du Palais in Biarritz, who gave me the recipe for *clafoutis de cerises tièdes*, *glace pistache* (left), sometimes uses apricots in his *clafoutis*. He says he likes to make it at home, first putting the baking dish in the oven long enough to brown the butter, and then pouring in the batter, rather like the technique used for making Yorkshire pudding.

This is a substantial dish, best served after lighter courses, salad and fish, for example. Although *clafoutis* can be served straight from the oven, I like it best when warm. Leftovers are popular for breakfast.

While cherries and apricots are suitable for baking in a *clafoutis*, watery, acidic fruits such as rhubarb and gooseberries do not work as well and I would not use soft fruit in this way, except for blueberries and bilberries. Sliced apples or pears, halved plums or stoned

greengages will all make very good *clafoutis*, particularly if you add a little matching *eau de vie* or liqueur to the batter. Alternatively, flavour a crème chantilly to serve with the *clafoutis*. Yoghurt, fromage blanc, crème fraîche, single, double or clotted cream are all suitable accompaniments, or you can serve a thick sauce or thin syrup of the same or complementary fruit.

Clafoutis

(serves 6)

1-2oz/30-60g unsalted butter
2 free-range eggs
2 free-range egg yolks
2oz/60g flour
1tbsp kirsch (optional)
2oz/60g sugar

Butter generously a 9-10in/23-25.5cm pie or quiche dish, place on a baking sheet and put in the oven. Heat the oven to 180°C/350°F, gas mark 4. Meanwhile, beat the butter ingredients together until smooth. Remove the hot pie dish from the oven, pour in half the batter, add the cherries and remaining batter. Return the dish on the baking tray to the oven as quickly as possible. Lower the heat to 170°C/325°F, gas mark 3 and bake for 45-60 minutes.

F.B.

Raise your glass to better taste

Robin Young joins a wine-tasting panel with a shapely difference

We are all vaguely aware that wine tastes better from fine glass. Georg Riedel's theory is that drinking from the right glass is as important as drinking the right wine from Herr Riedel's company, of course, makes glasses.

In fact, Riedel makes 42 different gourmet glasses, each designed to flatter and accentuate the attractions of a different grape variety or style of wine. There are also glasses for water, beers and spirits.

Herr Riedel's argument is that wines have different characteristics and the tongue has different taste zones. The tip of the tongue is sensitive to sweetness and fruit, the back to bitterness, and the sides to salty and savoury flavours and acidity. The shapes of the glasses are intended to direct the wine to the different taste zones in proportions that will give the drinker the best impression of the particular wine.

To demonstrate his case, Herr Riedel invites you to sip ice-cold water from his various glasses, so that you can feel the different impact each glass gives. It works.

A Riedel tasting I attended went further. A squad of wine experts was served four unidentified wines in four different glasses. Three sets of glasses were from Riedel: the hand-made Sommeliers Grand Cru (glass number 400/00, which is big enough to hold a bottle and costs £36); the machine-made Vintine Bourdeaux (No 416/00, £11.50); and the smaller



Work in the glass house: Rodney Briant-Evans of Riedel

their Paris goblets. No one else had a single row right.

Of course, it does not follow that if you plonk in the Sommeliers Grand Cru glass it will taste anything like Château Latour. Indeed, Herr Riedel admitted that the ill-favoured Paris goblet, with its rolled lip, could be good for serving a cheap Sauternes, which might need to have its acidity accentuated by being spread to the sides of the glass lip.

The point is that most tasters will have a better impression of whatever wine they are drinking if they drink it from an appropriately designed glass.

My effort was second best: I confused the two Italians in

but this negates accepted wisdom about the correct way to taste, which advocates swirling the wine around the mouth before swallowing. It is first impressions which count, Herr Riedel says, not tasting room rituals.

From his series of tastings he seems to have proved he is right, and he has convinced an impressive phalanx of the world's leading wine-makers and writers. Robert M. Parker Jr, the American taster whose judgment I admire above all others, says of Riedel glasses: "Their effect is profound. I cannot emphasise enough what a difference they make."

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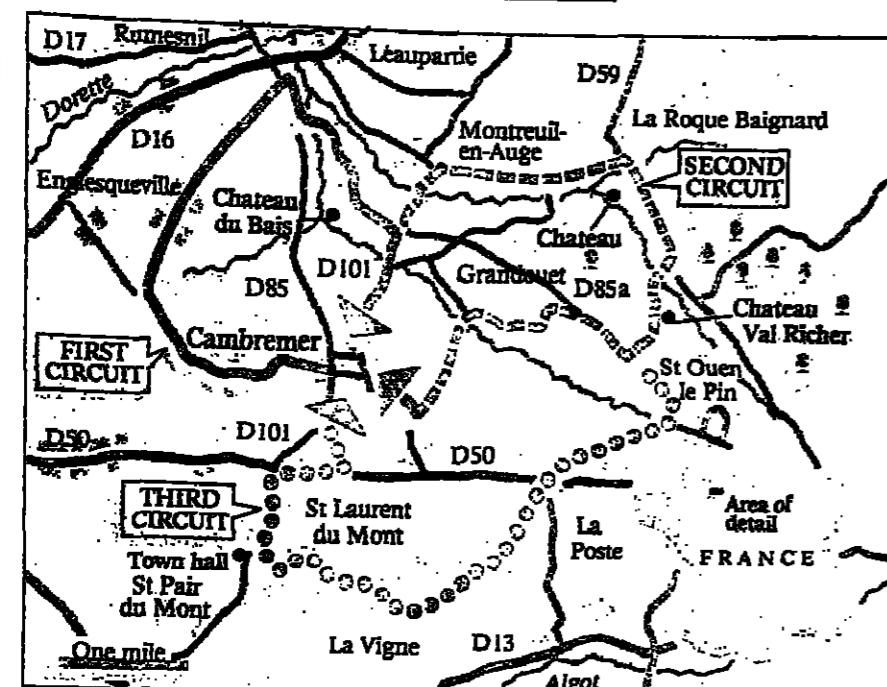
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WHERE TO WALK



The scent of my homeland is in an apple," claims a famous Norman poem by Sylvie Delarue-Mardrus. For a short walk in quintessentially Norman countryside, you cannot do better than go straight to the core of the apple country, the village of Cambremer. Cambremer Syndicat d'Initiative (rue Pasteur, 14340 Cambremer) is organising a series of cider weekends at harvest time in October and November with accommodation in gîtes and hospitality on the farms (FFr150 per person for couples, FFr1100 for singles). Phone 31 63 08 37. Three local *balades*, or strolls, start from the Place de l'Eglise in Cambremer and can be tackled singly or run together in one day as time and stamina permit. Each circuit takes about three hours. The perimeter of all three can be managed in seven.

For circuit number one, take the rue du Commerce, turn left at the bakers' shop and go up to the roadside calvary, where you should turn left, and then right. At the crossroads a kilometre on, turn right past the statue of the Virgin, and 250 yards further on take the path to the right before the descent. The path toward Englesquelle along the Côte d'Auge escarpment commands a beautiful panorama over the valley of the Dore and the Dives marshes to the left. At the end of the sharp descent take D85 right with a view of Léauparie manor. At the farm camping site, turn left toward Montreuil. After another 600 yards go toward the quarries, past the back of the Château du Bais.

D101 leads back to Cambremer but alternatively you can continue on to the second circuit by turning left at the junction with D101 to take D117, the more scenic road, from Montreuil (11th-century church). Rejoin D101 after 2km and turn right on to D59, around the moated, beautifully sited 16th-century Château la Roque-Baignard. The road goes through woods and behind the 17th-century hospice of the former abbey of Val Richer. Turn right on to D85a and after 600 yards take the signed path to the left

down the hillside to Grandouet. You can return to Cambremer by turning left at the church and after climbing about 400 yards, turning left on the flashed path which leads into the rue des Fleurs.

The third circuit leaves Cambremer by that route to Grandouet and after 500 yards toward St Ouen le Pin keeps right to follow the red and white flashed path to the right, crossing the Grandouet stream and following the path which dominates the little valley. Join D50 at La Poste, cross the road, and turn right after 50 yards. Follow this path, keeping right at the crossroads where there is a statue. The lane goes down between deep embankments to the town hall of St Pair du Mont, with views of the St Pair stud farm and the valley of the Algot. At the town hall turn right and climb to rejoin D50 by the picnic area. Fifty yards to the right cross the road and take to the unmade path which leads to Cambremer cemetery through the nurseries and to the D101 back to Cambremer itself. Circuits 1 and 2 can be followed on IGN's 1:25000 Carte Topographique 1712 Ouest, but circuit 3 is partly on sheet 1713 Ouest.

Walking is taken seriously in France, where the marking and publicising of footpaths is the business of the splendidly titled *Fédération Française de la Randonnée Pédestre, Comité National des Sentiers de Grande Randonnée (FFRP-CNSGR)*. The organisation's Normandy headquarters is the Chambre Départementale d'Agriculture, 4 Promenade de Madame de Sevigné, Caen (31 84 47 19). *Topo-Guides* published for Normandy include Réf. 069 *Tour du Pays d'Auge* (a 255km circuit), Réf. 210 *GR224 Vallée de la Risle, Pays d'Ouche*, and Réf. 351, GRs 36 and 221, *Suisse Normande*. Other superb long-distance routes are described in *Normandy and the Seine*, an English translation of selected routes from the French *Topo-Guides* published by McCarron, 15 Highbury Place, London, N5 1QP (071-354 1616) at £8.95.

Britain's best may never seem quite so good again after a visit to France's *crème de la crème*. Robin Young admits the Normans are conquering again

NORMANDY

Normandy makes the land flowing with milk and honey sound undermanned. The countryside from which our last conquerors came is France's cream topping five départements of prospering agriculture, producing not just milk and honey, but butter, cheese and cream, meat and poultry and fruit, cereals and vegetables, and all in profigiate abundance.

How New York got to be called Big Apple when it is Normandy that is up to its ears in apples every autumn is one of those teasing mysteries that I doubt I shall ever solve.

Not too surprisingly, given its geographical proximity and its historical links with Britain, Normandy is the part of France which makes Britons feel more at home than any other. The land is naturally lush, green and rolling, pastoral and idyllic. One can describe it quite simply. Imagine everything that is most beautiful about southern England. Normandy has it in spades, with miles more space, far quieter roads, and much better eating.

I have taken my turn doing my patriotic best in these pages, singing the praises of places I truly consider to be, as the series which resumes late in August is called, "The Best of Britain". Yet I would be the first to admit that Brighton is trumped by Deauville, that Rouen has more half-timbering than Stratford, and that as a romantic ruin Château Gaillard, overlooking Les Andelys and the curvaceous Seine, is at least the equal of Tintagel. Come to that, Jumièges's splendid setting on the Seine outdoes even Yorkshire's ruined abbeys.

Most hurtful of all, since it means betraying my native Hampshire, I have to admit that the valleys of Normandy's chalk streams are not only even more ravishingly beautiful than that of the river Test, but so much better served with riverside hotels, restaurants and cafés that one is forced to cry "No contest!" and admit the Normans have conquered again.

After that comparisons become odious. Newhaven for Dieppe? Don't be ridiculous. The white cliffs of Dover are as

punctuated with dry hanging valleys, and a few surviving streams: the Varenne, the Sée, the Saâne, the tiny Veule and, most beautiful of all, the Durdent. From the beaches at the valley mouths *artisans-pêcheurs* set out after sole, sea bass and crabs, the flags of their net-markers streaming like banderillas in a bull's neck as their little aluminium boats buck through the waves.

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Perche, an undulating landscape of woods, valleys, pastures, small stone manors with turrets and towers, and delightful villages tucked behind hedges which border the main roads. These valleys are home of the dappled grey Percheron horse, and the picturesque hill-

grizzled and grey as Brand X when compared with the brilliant Persil white of the Côte d'Albâtre, and Eure et Loir's chalky pinnacles must just give the Isle of Wight another needle.

Normandy is as big as southern England, and more various, for all the overwhelming impression it gives of orchards bursting with blossom or fruit of brindled cows with spectated eyes grazing in high-hedged fields, and of distinctive brown-and-white half-timbered cottages with irises and saxifrage ridging their thatched roofs.

The five départements each divide into several regions with individual characteristics and traditions.

To the north and east is the great chalk plain of

the Pays de Caux, bordered by the Bresle valley and the Seine. It's open, hedgeless fields grow vast crops of rape, flax, sugar beet, and corn, patchworking the land in early summer with brilliant oblongs of yellow.

blue and green. In winter the plateau's clay cap turns to mud, and as tractors trail the sugar beet harvest to the processing plants the misty roads are lined with signs warning "Boue".

The farmsteads, often with a dovecot at the centre, and ancient free-standing barns are enclosed within double rows of oak, beeches or elms, planted on high embankments to protect them from the wind.

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top town of Mortagne-au-Perche is the world's capital of black puddings.

At the head of the Risle valley the Pays d'Ouche is a darkly wooded region, surprisingly a centre for metal industries such as pin-making, but to the north lies the Normandy heathland, the Pays d'Auge, around Lisieux. This is where the pastures are richest, the thatched cottages most photogenic, and the manor houses surrounded by orchards the most rustically delightful.

Here are the home towns of Livarot, the triple-banded red-brown cheese sometimes nicknamed the Lieutenant, and of Camembert and Pont-l'Évêque, its even more famous cheeseboard companions. Normandy alone produces almost half of all the soft fermented cheese made in France.

The Pays d'Auge is also the centre of production for the finest calvados (apple brandy) and cider. Much of the best calva and cider does not come from the big commercial houses, though. It is made on individual farms, and distilled by men who come round with ambulant distilleries which look rather like primitive Tarmac-brewing machinery.

North again the coast, the Côte Fleurie, is Normandy's most popular, linked by corniche from the unbelievably picturesque, grey slate-hung port of Honfleur to Cabourg, where Marcel Proust smelt his childhood *madelines*.

At Caen the Memorial "museum for peace" allows those of

my own and older generations to revisit our own lost time, the second world war, which took so dreadful a toll of Normandy's towns and villages. It is difficult sometimes to recall the scale of destruction in which 200,000 buildings were destroyed and hundreds of thousands died, but then one comes to the vast fields of war graves and the landing beaches: Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah.

Bayeux, though, was the first town liberated and its beautiful buildings miraculously escaped damage, so that a visit to the vivid Bayeux tapestry, the lively embroidered strip-caroon of 1066 and all that becomes not a duty but a pleasure.

Following the Orne south from Caen takes us to the Suisse Normande, an area particularly enjoyed by ramblers, canoeists, anglers, hang-glider pilots and rock-climbers. The Swiss comparison in the name is a bit strong, but the rocky promontories of the Pont d'Arbour and the landing beaches: Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah.

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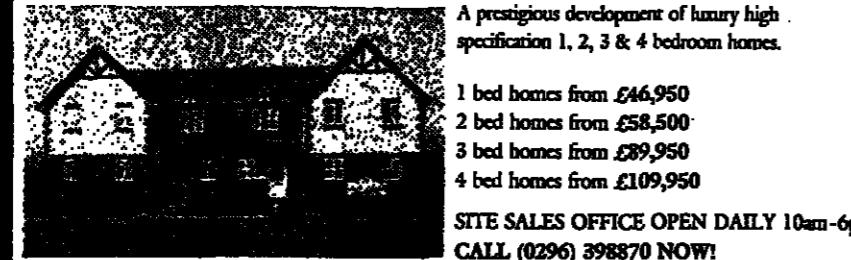
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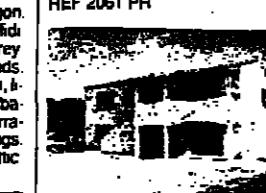
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Muddles of midsummer

Francesca Greenoak sniffs the scent of work to be done on her prolific plants

The alternating sun and rain of the past few weeks have caused even sober plants to grow immoderately; the honeysuckle around my front door has long passed the picturesque country-cottage stage and almost prevents access. Although the bottles of milk stay cool in its cavernous shade, the hall is perpetually shaded.

The honeysuckle, now in flower, is exuding its unique summer fragrance, but I have to harden my heart and cut it back. I have rather turned my eyes from the problem — no one in the family uses the front door — but in addressing the honeysuckle I have rediscovered a corner of the garden which has remained unheeded for some time. Between the honeysuckle and the cascading foliage of the medlar tree in the hedge, there is an overgrown recess which my young daughter uses as a secret retreat.

I was delighted to find that a field rose (*Rosa arvensis*), which I grew from a cutting from the hedgerow, is almost 6ft high, and the field maple, transplanted as a seedling, equals it. There's a tump of geranioid-scented Ingwersen's Variety hardy geranium, with floppy leaves and soft, pink flowers, and, best of all, the incense rose, *Rosa primula*.

The foliage of this small species rose has an exquisite high church scent, particularly after rain. It is rare and notoriously difficult to propagate. I tried three times to buy it — getting misnamed specimens — before I finally obtained the true

species, but as it grew so slowly I had half-forgotten its existence, until this year it produced a lovely spray of small yellow roses and several new branches. There are also lilies: the tall *Lilium regale* with large white trumpets, crimson-blushed on the outside, and the strongly scented green-gold Pyrenean lily (*Lilium pyrenaicum*).

A flash of silken pink reveals the presence of the native gladiolus, flowering bravely despite the area having become distinctly shadier. Agapanthus, too, keeps going, though it would like more sun.

Crowded in between are clumps of marjoram and salad burnet, self-seeded columbines and plenty of the pink herb Robert, which I am trying to keep isolated from the white form, which is on the other side of the house.

Though unruly, this garden has kept a shape because of several good perennials, and it has been very agreeable to sit there planning what to do. I have decided on major work only on the honeysuckle, which I will cut back severely after it has flowered, curtailing its territorial advance and thinning out the old wood. With more light the surviving plants should pick up.

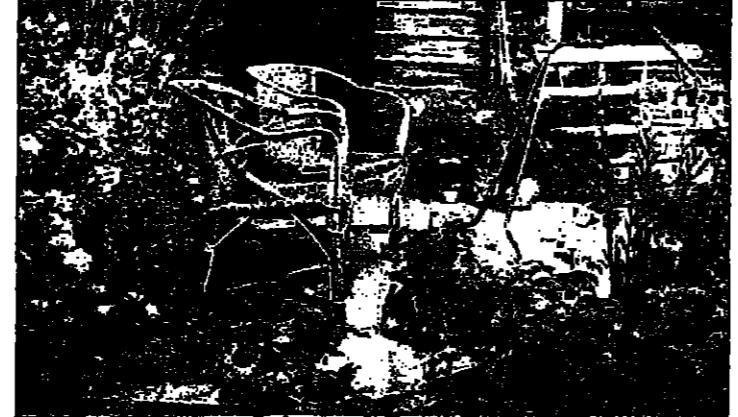
I want to retain the attractive air of midsummer muddle, so I am confining myself to weeding out the worst congestions. In September, I shall tidy up properly to show off the tiny pompons of the old-fashioned *Anastasia chrysanthemum*, and autumn colours of the geraniums and field maple.



Haven rediscovered: Francesca Greenoak enjoys some of the forgotten plants in a "secret retreat"

WEEKEND TIPS

- Pick and dead-head roses to encourage more blooms (check for aphids at the same time).
- Keep newly planted seedlings (and maturing celery and courgettes) well watered.
- Continue to sow salad vegetables to provide through summer and autumn.
- Divide congested bearded irises after the flowers have faded: replant healthy rhizomes.
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Take a seat in the sunshine

Today's garden furniture is looking better than ever, Nicole Swengley writes

Stylish recliners, seats and hammocks are raising a new art form. And now that, between the showers, British sun-seekers seem to be getting summer sitting outside is no longer something to be enjoyed only on Mediterranean holidays.

Garden furniture has come a long way since the Victorians mastered the manufacturing of cast-iron seating. Standards of design and workmanship have improved noticeably in the past few years, perhaps boosted by the popularity of conservatories.

Rye Designs, listed in the Friends of the Earth Good Wood Guide as an environmentally conscious supplier, has introduced a teak rocking lounger (about £350) and also makes the adjustable Winchelsea lounger (£630), which can be flattened for sunbathing and has a slide-out drinks table.

At £2,500, the company's Crusader swing seat, with adjustable canopy, must be considered a garden heirloom, its teal frame weathering to a silvery-grey over time. Maintenance-free tree seats are another specialty.

An Edwardian-style folding steamer chair by Sarah Burgoyne Revivals combines comfort and elegance with fine workmanship. Its beech frame, adjustable cotton canvas sun canopy and cushions and brass drinks holder re-create the lazy look of shipboard sun-decks (£295 plus delivery).

A two-seater steamer settee is made by the Herefordshire-based company Steamer Furniture, along with a steamer armchair, footstool and side-table. Designed for comfort and supplied with cushions, the seat and back conform to the user's shape and all the pieces are light enough to carry.

The range is available in English ash or elm mixed with cherry wood, or plantation-grown teak from sustainable sources in Java and Nigeria. Mail-order prices range from £183.91 for an elm armchair to £745.87 for a settee. Footstools start from £75.57 (carriage extra). London stockists include The Chelsea Gardener.

Victorian garden seats in good condition command high prices at auction. Copies of historical designs are a cheaper alternative, with variations on Sir Edwin Lutyens's Jekyll bench leading the field. An exact copy of the 8ft 8in bench costs

£805 in oak from Robin Eden, while smaller versions cost from £651 for a 6ft 3in seat in painted pine.

Pattern books of the 18th and 19th centuries were raided in Julian Chichester's efforts to create timeless designs which are well-proportioned and decorative.

The joinery at Chatsworth House makes a range of furniture based on earlier designs. One of the more unusual pieces, useful for moving frequently between sun and shade, is a Lutyens seat combining bench and wheelbarrow, reproduced from the garden at Mount Congreave, co. Waterford, Ireland. The seat is made of north European redwood, painted white (£709) or left primed for treatment (£626).

Wickerwork, popular in the mid-19th century, was used for flower stands and troughs as well as seating. Barnsley House Garden & Decorative Furnishings acts as the UK agent for a range of historic iron garden furniture inspired by collections in the Smithsonian Institution.

Charles Verey, the name behind

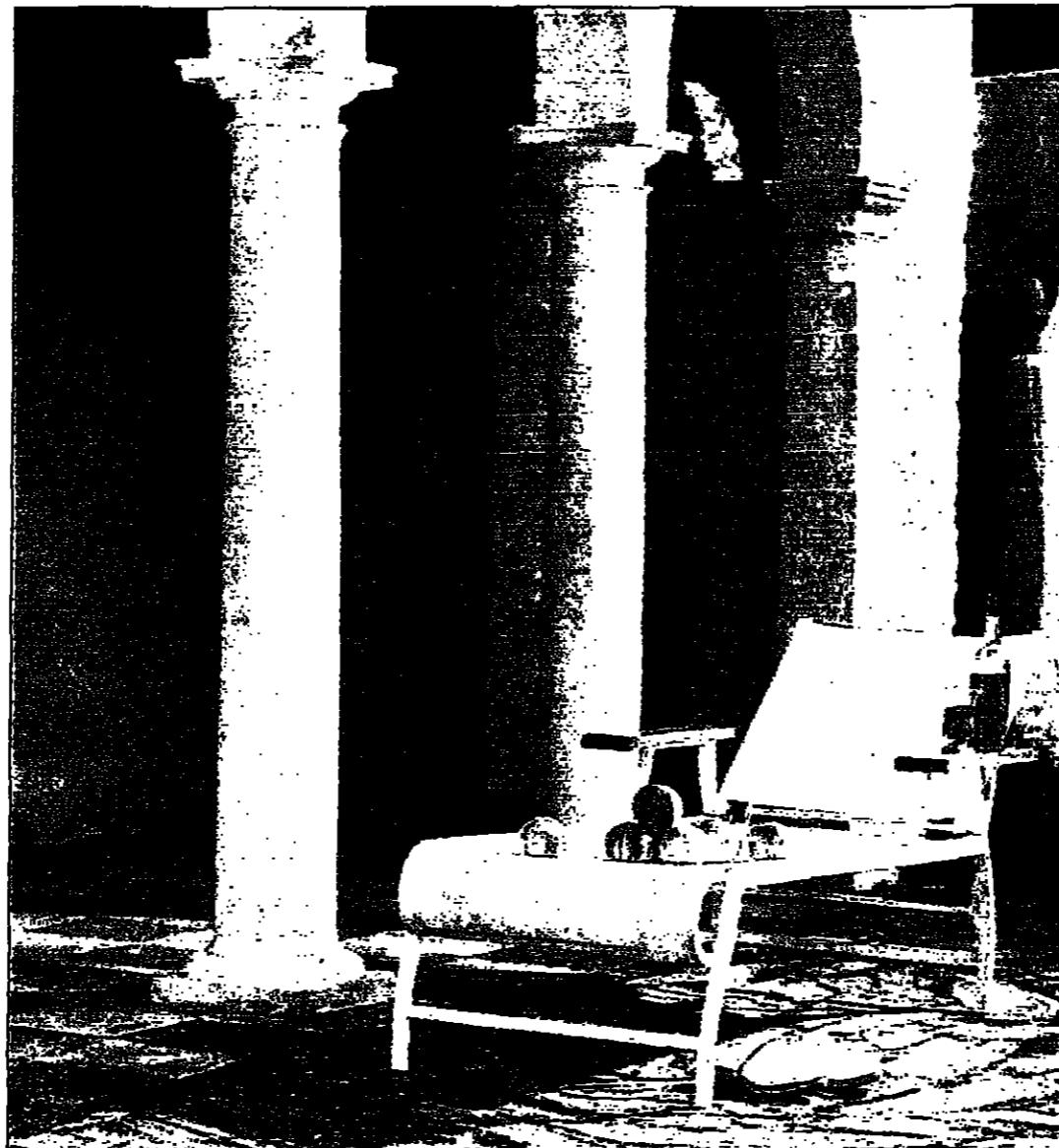
Barnsley House GDF, lifted the traditional garden bench out of the doldrums of municipal park lookalikes and gave it a touch of class. The son of the well-known gardener Rosemary Verey, his designs are pleasing and practical. This summer he has added to his 19th-century inspired wrought iron range while new dining chairs and tables join the classic benches and armchairs in the teak range. Also in teak is a sun-teak recliner and a folding chair, well suited to hobbies such as painting or fishing. All the furniture can be bought at the shop in Barnsley House Gardens in Gloucestershire or ordered through The Chelsea Gardener.

Classic conservatory furniture, handmade in English willow, is available at Marston & Langinger. Because it is made in Norfolk and Somerset, rather than imported, non-standard designs can be produced at short notice with cushions in a choice of fabrics.

New this summer is a range of English willow designs with deep-buttoned upholstery fixed to the furniture for a more formal look. Painted willow furniture is another introduction. The paint is water-based, so it is pliable and will not chip or crack.

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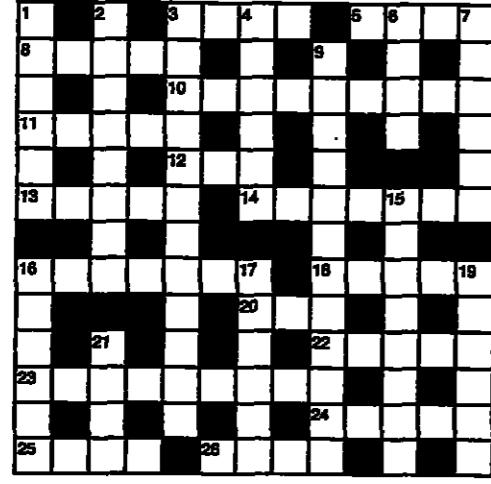
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

- 6.45 Open University: Biology Restoring the Balance** 7.10 Maths, Networks and Matrices 7.35 Water for the City; Nottingham 8.00 Care in the Community 8.30 New Lips for Old (77206773)
- 8.50 Playdays at the Tent Stop (r)** (249605)
- 9.10 News and weather** (1410238)
- 9.15 Telling Tales: The Jackal and the Lion** told by Philip Hawthorn (r) (2798860)
- 9.30 This is the Day** Norma Cradoc joins staff and pupils of St MacNiss's College in County Antrim (74957)
- 10.00 Sign Extra** Chris Barnes revisits the wildlife garden he created in 1984 (8813808)
- 10.30 Hindi Film Baal Chaal** Spoken Hindi and Urdu for beginners (4232711)
- 10.55 Cricket** Live coverage of the fourth morning's play in the second Test at Lord's between England and Pakistan (s) (152632150)
- 12.30 Country File** presented by John Craven. The perils of digging and soil disturbance in the garden (3712041) **12.55 Weather** (60764808)
- 1.00 News** (62736570) **1.05 On the Record** Jonathan Dimbleby looks at Britain's role in Europe (5899352)
- 2.00 EastEnders** Omnibus edition, (Ceefax) (s) (r) (24537)
- 3.00 Film: The Rose and the Jackal** (1990). Christopher Reeve as the secret service chief Alain Mikhael, based on a glamorous southern spy during the American civil war. A disappointing TV movie directed by Jack Gold. (Ceefax) (s) (35792)
- 4.30 Bugs Bunny** Cartoon fun with the wily rabbit (4243995)
- 4.50 Survivors: A New View of Us** The story of a plague of locusts invading Africa. (Ceefax) (r) (8339537)
- 5.20 MasterChef 1992** Loyd Grossman is joined by newsreader Trevor McDonald and chef Claire Macdonald in his quest to find Britain's top amateur chef. (Ceefax) (4471353)
- 5.55 News with Chris Lowe** Weather (810063)



In search of heavenly sounds: Alan Titchmarsh (6.10pm)

- 6.10 Titchmarsh on Song: A Chants Encounter.** The first in a new series in which Alan Titchmarsh, accompanied by resident vocal group Angel Voices, sets off on a countrywide pilgrimage to explore religious music in Britain. This week he looks at some of the earliest recorded Christian song, the Gregorian chant, which goes back a thousand years. (Ceefax) (s) (610082)
- 6.45 European Football Championship** First semi-final (62637599)*
- 9.10 Birds of a Feather** Comedy series (r) (133150)
- 10.00 News with Chris Lowe** Weather (201228)

- 10.15 Everyman: Praying to Win.**

- CHOICE: The title of this Everyman report on the links between sport and Christianity in the United States should carry a question mark. Do America's sportsmen, 40 per cent of whom claim to be churchgoers, have a genuine religious faith or are they just praying to win? Is the obsession with success, wealth and fame compatible with Christianity anyway? Are religious groups using sport to promote themselves while turning a blind eye to the violence and lack of morality? George Foreman, the heavyweight boxer turned preacher, has no doubt that "the greatest sports fan in the world is almighty God". He is challenged by Dr Shirl Hoffman, a lecturer in sports science and a Baptist minister's son: "The Christian who casts his lot with the beauties—blessed are the meek—is unlikely to make it to the Superbowl" (Ceefax) (s) (760889)

- 10.55 Knight and Day** American comedy series (425773)

- 11.20 Human Element: A Restoration Drama** (r) (128624) **11.50 Weather** (942686)

- *NB: alternative schedule if live football is not shown.

- 6.45 Film: The Eagle Has Landed** (976) 8.55 News and weather 9.10 **Birds of a Feather** 10.00 **Dad's Army** (r) 10.30 **Everyone** 11.10 **European Football Championship** First semi-final highlights

- 10.50 The Human Element** 12.20am **Weather**

BBC2

- 6.35 Open University: Maths Methods—Applying Mathematics** 7.00 The First Russian Art Exhibition 7.25 The Trouble with Science 7.50 Ottoman Supremacy, the Seljuks, Istanbul 8.15 Animal Physiology: Walking and Running 8.40 From Design to Manufacture 9.05 Control in Reproduction 9.30 Victorian Dissenting Chapels 9.55 Darwin and Diversity 10.20 The Promised Land 10.45 Eyewitness Memory 11.10 Interactive Video 11.35 A New Museum in South Kensington (44034063)
- 12.00 Regional Westminster Programme** (57792) Northern Ireland, Greenfingers, Wales, Scrutinising the line-up (s) (r) (249605)
- 12.30 Sunday Grandstand** (s) (r) (249605) introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up (s) (r) (249605) includes: 12.30, 1.40 and 4.00 Cricket: live coverage of the fourth day's play in the second Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's; 1.00 Golf; third round of the US Open from Pebble Beach, California, 3.40 and 6.00 Tennis: a preview of the All England Lawn Tennis championships which begin tomorrow at Wimbledon; 6.00 Football: the winners of England's group take on the runners-up Scotland's group for a place in the final of the European Championships (84416957)
- 6.35 The Money Programme** In the last of the present series, Ron Cullen-Jones reports on the moves within the public sector for grassroots management; and he looks at a pilot scheme at the Central Middlesex Hospital in which sisters are running their own budgets. It is the responsibility for attracting patients and managing staff (755889)
- 7.15 Life on Earth: Victors of the Dry Land** David Attenborough's film looks at the roasting hot law fields and deserts where chameleons, stalk beetles and lizards dance to keep cool (n). (Ceefax) (292995)



Examining art: Eric Fischl discusses Bonnard (8.10pm)

- 8.10 Artists' Journeys**

- CHOICE: The American figurative artist Eric Fischl is noted for revealing the dark underbelly of affluent New York suburbia and declares: "I make art for the public". The home of Pierre Bonnard, on the other hand, resto's a view of a bourgeois life that is sunny and contented. Fischl argues that this is a mistaken interpretation of work which, like his own, has a dark and disturbing side. Travelling to Paris and Cannes in the footsteps of Bonnard, Fischl makes a convincing case. Contrary to the accepted notion, Bonnard's relationship with his wife was emotionally troubled and offers evidence from the paintings to support this. The format of getting one artist to define his sensibilities with reference to another has not always worked in this series but here, most emphatically, it does (821082)

- 8.50 The Survivor's Guide to Yugoslavia** Jonathon Dimbleby explains the difficulties of arriving at a long-term peaceful solution between the Serbs, Bosnians and Croats, and Peter Godwin reports from the rival republics on the roots of the conflict and the danger of it spreading (339334)

- 9.30 Golf** Steve Rider introduce live coverage of the final round's play from Pebble Beach in California. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley and Dave Marr (6505353)

- 10.00am Cricket: Second Test** Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the fourth day's play between England and Pakistan from Lord's (s) (91618)

- 10.30 Dance Energy House Party** Normski is joined by Carter USM and Mark Mar. (r) (s) (8190507). Ends at 2.10

- 10.55 VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes**

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- 6.35 Open University: Invasion from Mars 7.00 Clumping in Groups (42669) 4.725 News and Weather (8477469)
 7.30 Hull Spenser: Puppet fun (r) (8008643) 7.50 Babar, Cartoon (3019759) 8.15 The Jetsons, Cartoon (6836198) 8.35 Round the Twist, Australian fantasy (5695591)
 9.00 Parallel 9. Marky Mark joins Roddy McDowall, Helen Atkins, Jenny Holt, Dominic McHale and Kevin Williams. There is also a look forward to National Music Day on June 23 (117337310) 10.47 Weather (8527778)
 10.50 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is as follows (subject to alteration): 10.55, 2.05, 2.35, 3.05 and 4.00 Cricket; live coverage of the third day's play in the second Test of the Comhill Insurance series between England and Pakistan at Lord's; 1.00 News; 1.05 Football; a preview of the semi-finals of the European championship to be played on Sunday and Monday; 1.30, 2.05, 2.35 and 3.40 Tennis; finals of the Pilkington Glass women's championship from Eastbourne; 1.55, 2.25, 2.55 and 3.30 Racing from Ascot; the Ritz Club Fern Hill Handicap Stakes (2.00), Haagen-Daz Handicap Stakes (2.30), Grand Met Handicap Stakes (3.00) and Southern Comfort Stakes (3.35); 4.45 Golf; closing second round action from the US Open championship at Pebble Beach, California (70126655).
 5.10 News and weather (5605827)
 5.20 Regional News and weather (1427778)
 5.25 Jim'll Fix It. Jimmy Savile fixes it for a postman to have a hearty Scottish breakfast in a stately home; and for a man to learn how to reverse his car without mishap (4403952)



Welcome to the empire: Chris Barrie and helpers (6.00pm)

- 6.00 The Brittas Empire. Dim comedy starring Chris Barrie as the bumbling and autocratic manager of a council leisure centre (r). (Ceefax) (407)
 6.30 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith is joined by Lesley Joseph, Kevin Lloyd, Craig Charles and Windsor Davies in the showbusiness quiz show (759)
 7.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge stars as the indomitable Mrs. Trudy Clarke's comedy series. In this episode her social aspirations receive a boost when she and Richard are invited to a gifting weekend with the major. With Clive Swift and Peter Cullen (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1855)
 7.30 Growing Pains: The Lady and the Tramp. Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce star in this likeable drama about the effects on a family of fostering children. Tom's long-lost father makes an unexpected appearance and the household is faced by the arrival of a sophisticated 11-year-old (Ceefax) (s) (668827)
 8.20 Casualty: Girls' Omission. Gritty hospital drama series. Peggy Mount and Charlotte Cornwell join the regular cast in tonight's episode in which Kelly goes missing and a vagrant takes advantage of free food while posing as a porter (r). (Ceefax) (s) (14330)
 9.15 News with Martin Lewis (Ceefax) Sport and weather (488778)
 9.35 That's Life! With Esther Rantzen (6626594)
 10.15 Film: Remo: Unarmed and Dangerous (1985). Fred Ward plays a New York policeman who is trained to take on an arms baron in a stylish action-adventure directed by Guy Hamilton. (Ceefax) (s) (258483)
 12.00 Film: Miracles (1985). Tom Conti and Teri Garr star in this hectic comedy about the far-reaching effects of a witch doctor's plea to the gods. Directed by Jim Kout (Ceefax) (9283228)
 1.25am Weather (3999841)

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- Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.00mm Danger Boy (45488) 6.30 Elephant Boy (62594) 7.00 Fun Factory (6056846)
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- Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.00mm The Wizard of Oz (1939) 7.00 Murder in Black and White (1990); Richard Crenna as streetwise detective Jane (54527)
 10.45 The Underworld of It All (1986); Full length trailer (53407)
 12.00 Twice upon a Time (1983); Animated film (57787)

BBC2

- 6.40 Open University: Rock Polynomials 7.05 Maths: Networks and Matrices 7.30 Geology: Interpreting Sediments 7.55 Images, Lens Design 8.20 Tawny Owls. A Case Study 8.45 Interactive Video 9.00 Care in the Community 9.35 Growing Old 10.00 Measure for Measure: Workshop 10.25 Matter in the Universe: Red Giants 10.45 Piglet in Perspective 11.15 Pathfinding in the Brain 11.40 Data Models and Databases (4406662) 12.05 Fundamentals of Computing 12.35 Managing Schools: Power of the Purse (800793651)
 3.00 Film: Summer Stock (1950). Agreeable musical starring Judy Garland as a farmer whose life is changed when a stage is staged in her barn. With Gene Kelly and Phil Silvers. Directed by Charlie Walters (76863285)
 4.45 Cricket: Second Test. Further coverage of the third day's play between England and Pakistan from Lord's (s) (41787372);
 6.30 The Human Element
 ● CHOICE: Tonight's featured element in the watchable science series is carbon and the personal story woven around it is that of Carl Djerassi, the organic chemist whose work led to the discovery of the contraceptive pill. The son of two doctors, Djerassi grew up in Vienna, left Austria when Hitler moved in and made his career in the United States. An account of his professional work, much of it spent investigating steroids, is intercut with the tragedy of his sons daughter who committed suicide in 1978. He believes she was a victim of loneliness and in her memory he established an artists' colony in California where composers, painters and choreographers can meet and inspire each other. The film traces two other strands in Djerassi's life, a developing interest in feminism and a second career as a novelist (s) (371)
 7.00 News and sport with Moira Stuart. Weather (172759)
 7.15 Have I Got News For You? News Quiz (s) (r) (249223)
 7.45 Rhythms of the World: Klezmer - Riddler on the Roof. Originally performed by the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe, the dance music Klezmer is enjoying a big revival in the United States (s) (376204)



Hoping to go far in the film world: Daniel Moss (8.40pm)

8.40 Team Diaries: The World's Greatest Director.

- CHOICE: Daniel Moss is a precious 13-year-old determined to be the Steven Spielberg of Golders Green. At this rate he will make it for he is nothing if not determined and he has cheek in plenty. He is so self-assured, not to say bossy, that attempts to drag the family into this video film are often abortive. His technique is to push his father and mother before the camera and demand that they talk about him for five minutes. Not surprisingly this brashness leaves them tongue-tied, no doubt wishing he would shut up and go away. "You don't have to live with him", brother Luke tells us, "you can switch the television off. But we can't". All the same Daniel is an engaging young chap, with undeniable talent and energy to go with his sizeable ego, and whether we like it or not we shall probably hear a lot more of him (751407)

- 9.35 US Open. Steve Rider introduces coverage of the closing stages of the third round from Pebble Beach in California (32434391)
 12.00 Cricket: Second Test. Highlights of the third day's play between England and Pakistan at Lord's (s) (47266)
 12.30am Not Necessarily the News: Inside Entertainment. An in-depth look at Hollywood award ceremonies. An intrepid news team tries to capture the glamour and excitement of the annual Golden Calf awards (6650597)
 12.40 Night Creatures. John Astin from *The Addams Family* hosts a celebration of 80 years of movie monsters (7475518). Ends at 2.05

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Power offers to buy company

has offered to buy the Manx Electricity Board's 20-mile cable under the sea to supply the 35,000 electors of the Isle of Man. The island's chief minister, Sir David Piatow, has detailed talks with Scottish Power. A proposal was made after consultation with the island's consultants. The Manx government should be replaced. A takeover by the Lynwald's consultants. The Manx government should be replaced.

s hit Tinsley

passing its dividend after a pre-tax loss of £1.5 million in the year to end-March, as failing group Tinsley, which mainly serves the oil industry, saw turnover fall to £23.5 million (£24.2 million pre-tax loss of £248,000). The group's interim profit was £8 million, up from £6 million last year.

ur offer price

ly next week on the initial public offering, the North American oil refiner acquired by Lusso when it took over its oil company, last year, Lusso expects to do well if they believed flotation of the business' refineries and service stations, marketing outlets, and oil refinery and service stations, is going well.

inges into loss

shake-up left Lynx Holdings, a company, nursing a loss of £160,000 in March 31 (£105,000 profit). The company's other factors in the loss include an outdoor and venture play equipment manufacturer by Lynx's Data Management, an interim dividend of 10 pence per share.

er holds payout

1. the property investor and trader, a dividend at 1.2p a share, despite a 40% pre-tax profit in the six months to 31 March. Turnover fell to £17 million (£20.5 million) in compensation after heavy losses. Other factors in the loss include an outdoor and venture play equipment manufacturer by Lynx's Data Management, an interim dividend of 10 pence per share.

ets sugar firms

minister is alleging restrictive practices and merchants in the British sugar industry impose fines on companies that illegalise their market. Greenleaf, a group privatised last year, and has so-called British Foods last year, received a £100 million loan from the EU director general to Lyle said it had not received a note.

goes buying

to Midlands motor dealer and vehicle supplier Clarke Brothers (Bristol), a deal up to £874,000 in new shares and cash to £1.5 million in the year to end-March. Earnings rise from 14p a share. There is no news of a "probable" result for the year as a whole.

for panic

expected to have a positive impact on next year's earnings. Year-end gearing will probably rise to about 25 per cent, against 15 per cent last year. Claremont will add management efficiency. On top of that, improved buying power.

This deal will enable Claremont to double its annual turnover to around £100 million. There are additional prospective benefits of 10 per cent, turn the business around and bring its operating margins up to around 4 or 5 per cent, and Claremont's are nearer 15 per cent.

Clairemont's pre-tax profits may make pre-tax profits of £8.4 million (£8.2 million giving prospective earnings down 10 to 25.5p a share, may be a 10 per cent cut in the market for 24 hours, promising

be earned, but there is a chunky bonus.

Shanks & McEwan profits rise

By OUR CITY STAFF

SHANKS & McEwan Group, the waste management specialist, raised profits from £23.9 million before tax to £31.1 million in the year to March 28. Earnings fell from 13.2p a share to 11.9p, reflecting an increase in the number of shares in issue after the purchase of Recem. The final dividend is held at 3.44p a share, making 5.7p for the year, up 3.6 per cent.

Peter Runciman, chairman, said second-half results were below the company's previous expectations, with the severity of the recession particularly evident in the final months of the financial year. Competitive pressure increased in all sectors and the company was unable to recover cost increases, resulting in the erosion of profit margins.

Mr Runciman said that although there was no evidence of a significant recovery in demand in Shanks' main markets, there had been no further deterioration in the economy. "The recession appears to have bottomed out and we should expect an improvement in market demand in 1992-3." He added that longer-term prospects were "extremely encouraging", with growth strongly driven by increasingly stringent environmental legislation.

This report of the preliminary results corrects yesterday's item which referred to interim figures.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

TONY RYAN, the Irish multi-millionaire who founded the world's largest aircraft leasing group, is not a man to take bad news quietly.

When he discovered the \$850m float of GPA had turned into a flop of massive proportions he turned on those running the issue in fury ...

Business Focus - The Sunday Times tomorrow

Recovery in Tokyo helps London to cut its losses

SHARE prices in London managed to claw back some of this week's losses, encouraged by a technical recovery overnight on the Tokyo stock market. The FT-SE 100 index rose by 22.1 points to 2,584.8, taking it back above 2,575, which is regarded as a resistance level. The index was as high as 2,590.9 earlier in the day. This limited the fall on the week to 18.9 points.

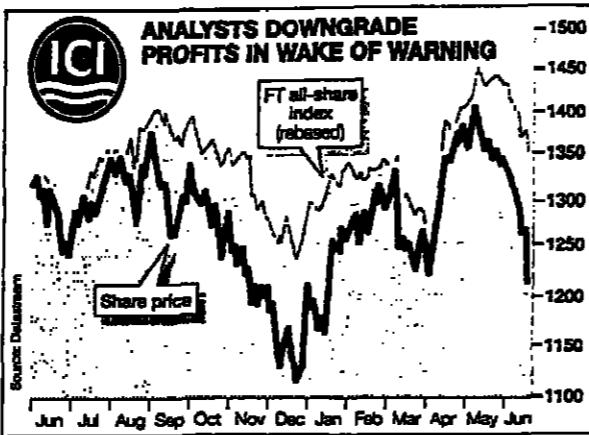
But dealers said conditions remained volatile and complained that there was a lack of conviction on the part of institutional investors, who remain worried by the continued recession and seem hesitant to open new positions in the run-up to the end of the second quarter. This was highlighted by the low level of turnover that saw only 440 million shares change hands.

A firm start to trading on Wall Street, on the back of a near 500 point rise in the Nikkei index, and confirmation of a "yes" vote in the Irish referendum on the Maastricht Treaty also bolstered sentiment.

Government securities posted gains of 1% at the longer end, cheered by the news from Dublin. But dealers refused to get carried away. They pointed out that next week could be a difficult time for gilts with the trade figures on Monday and the government's auction of some £2.75 billion of tap stock on Wednesday.

ICI continued to lose ground, falling 18p to £12.17 after Thursday's presentation for analysts when it gave warning of a difficult second quarter. Brokers wasted little time in downgrading their estimates of pre-tax profits for the current year. Most of them had been looking for a final figure of about 1930 million for the current year, against £843 million last year. County NatWest Wood-Mac has cut its forecast to the current year from £140 million to break even.

This week's decision to cancel the \$1 billion flotation of GPA, the aircraft-leasing



company, continued to send shock waves through the Square Mile. Dealers said it indicated just how depressed the commercial aircraft market really was. This affected Rolls-Royce, down 2p at 159p.

Worries that the cancellation of the GPA issue would affect the Wellcome share sale next month appear to have been short-lived as the price rose 6p to 925p. Analysts point out that Wellcome is a quality company with an existing share quote. The sale has been geared to fund man-

Abbey National stood out in a firm banking sector with a fall of 7p to 269p. James Capel, the broker, did the damage by downgrading its estimate of pre-tax profits for the current year by £55 million to £480 million. Capel has also reduced its forecast for 1993 by £40 million to £710 million. Almost 9 million shares changed hands.

soothe the City's fears about a dividend cut and further cutbacks by John Cahill, the new chairman. The company gave a talk for analysts at the start of the Berlin Air Show earlier this week at which it stressed the improved prospects for its defence operations. But this made little impact on Strauss-Turnbull, the broker, which has cut its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year from £140 million to break even.

Morland, the regional building products group, fell 8p to 60p as the company's broker, Warburg Securities, continued reducing its profits forecast. The move worried other analysts because Warburg is already at the bottom end of the range. It has trimmed £2 million from its forecast to £20 million.

ment accounting for 43.4 per cent. But another large shareholder, Royal Insurance, has already said it will reject the terms and back Morland's management.

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, was steady at 159p despite a large parcel of almost 14 million shares going through the market on Thursday night. Dealers believe that the seller was the Kuwait Investment Office.

Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar group, fell 8p to 352p as James Capel, the broker, became the latest to downgrade profits, worried by the depressed outlook for high-fructose corn syrup. Most analysts are now looking for profits to mark time at about the £23 million level.

Scottish Power firms 1p

to 181p after it was announced that the group may be chosen to supply electricity to the Isle of Man. The group is in talks with the Tynwald, the island's parliament, to lay a cable link from Scotland. There was selective support for the other power generators with National Power hardening 2p to 240p, PowerGen 4p to 250p and Scottish Hydro 1p to 193p.

The electricity distributors also reduced some of their recent losses with East Midlands 1p firmer at 292p, London 4p up at 324p, Manweb 6p to 348p, Midlands 4p to 305p, Northern 3p to 326p, Norweb 3p to 341p, Seaboard 3p to 310p, Southern 4p to 293p, South Wales 3p to 364p, South West 3p to 300p, and Yorkshire 4p to 357p.

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MICHAEL CLARK

Early advance for Dow

New York — Shares jumped at the opening in technical recovery that reversed a steep three-day slide and was buoyed by rises in Tokyo and London overnight. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 13 points to 3,287.12.

■ TOKYO — Prices ended sharply higher in a technical recovery, with the Nikkei index up 159p despite a large parcel of almost 14 million shares going through the market on Thursday night. Dealers believe that the seller was the Kuwait Investment Office.

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■ HONG KONG — Prices re-

covered most of their modest

losses by the close. The Hang

Seng index closed 8.50 points

down at 5,787.60.

■ SYDNEY — The market

bounced back, ending seven

consecutive days of falls. The

all-ordinates index was 9

points ahead at 1,633.9.

■ SINGAPORE — Prices closed

lower on weak sentiment. The

Straits Times industrial index

closed at 1,498.97, down

7.06 points. (Reuters)

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Dishonour among insurers

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR



Large insurance companies are doing their best to scupper any move to fee-based advice. Nobody can deny that it is in the interest of the investor. The Office of Fair Trading, Securities and Investments Board and consumer groups all want to foster this method of paying for investment advice.

Even investors are beginning to realise that they will be better off paying a fee for professional services instead of kidding themselves they are getting something for nothing. By paying a fee to a broker instead of their services being rewarded by commission, not revealed to the investor, the final payout on a policy can be greatly enhanced.

Yet 11 out of 28 insurance companies asked to waive commission on endowment mortgages said they could not do so. The request came from a London broker, experiencing increased demand from clients to pay fees instead of commission.

When he approached some insurance companies they did not

want to waive the commission. They were happy for brokers to be paid and then to rebate to the clients their own money. In many cases, the investors would get more back than they paid in fees. This, however, is false economy as every pound rebated to a customer as commission is denting the final payout of a policy.

A typical young endowment customer taking out a £60,000 loan over 25 years would pay the broker £500 for the work involved and then get £600 of his premium's back as the rebated commission. This may seem like a good deal until it is understood that 30 per cent or more of the first year's premiums are paid in commission. Without the commission, a great deal more is invested towards the final payout.

Ian McKenna, the broker, asked 28 companies if they would allow brokers to forego commis-

sion and therefore ensure that more of the initial investment went to work for their clients.

The 11 who refused were not tiny firms with ancient computer systems. They included household names. The dishonourable list includes Royal Life, Commercial Union, Abbey Life, Allied Dunbar, Scottish Equitable and Scottish Amicable. Others, like Guardian Royal Exchange, would not offer the facility for its with-profits mortgages.

Some said there was no demand for the service. Others offered the facility on low commis-

the company's costs investors will be able to see how much is spent by the life company in setting up and operating a policy.

Investors ought to remember that when *Money Management* looked at the question of waiving commission on pension plans it found that someone paying £5,000 a year could, over 25 years, have their payout reduced by up to £95,000 if the broker was paid by commission instead of an £500 fee.

Cash value

Cash used to count for something. It could be used to pay bills, earn interest or buy things. It was almost as useful as credit cards — but not any more.

Pay it into a current account with Abbey National through one

of its cash dispensers and the money is treated with suspicion as an uncleared deposit for three working days.

The bank can use the money but the customer cannot. One *Weekend Money* reader's attempt to remedy an overdraft by paying £300 through a dispenser at an Abbey branch was delayed by this policy. Abbey helpfully says that customers wanting access to cash should pay it in over the counter.

No doubt other banks operate a similar fiddle. Some have other devices for confiscating interest and refusing to make debits. Money transferred from a customer's savings account to a cheque account held by the same person at another branch of some banks loses interest for several days. The perfectly "safe" money can even be ignored when companies try to collect direct debit payments or standing orders fall due. This cannot be in the interests of customers. Unfortunately, the banking code does not outlaw such practices.

Good causes with heavy demands and falling income aim to fight back

Charities plan TV 'give' campaign

Lindsay Cook looks at various tax-efficient ways in which the public can chip in painlessly

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INDIVIDUAL donations to charity have fallen in real terms over the past five years, despite the introduction of tax-effective ways of giving.

A group of leading charities is planning its first television campaign to promote the idea of giving and to make sure that charities get the most from each donation by using the tax system.

The charities have been in lengthy negotiations with the government about help with the funding of the advertisements. On June 29, they have a meeting with Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, to discuss the project.

Soon after payroll giving was launched in 1987, the

government said it would

match the amount that charities put

up to pay for a campaign. So far, the charities have raised £500,000 and the promise of another £1.5 million if the government finds £2 million.

Charities find that when a scheme is operating, up to 25 per cent of staff agree to make donations. Unfortunately, the recession has made many companies reluctant to take on the additional administrative burden. Currently, 2,652 employers allow staff to give as they earn, and 165,500 employees have agreed to have money deducted from their salaries.

Because no tax is deducted, basic rate taxpayers can give £100 to charity and lose only £75 from their pay. Higher-rate taxpayers can afford to be more generous because it costs them only £60 to give £100. Gift Aid, introduced in October 1990, allows individuals to make one-off donations of £400 to £5 million and for the charities to claim back the income tax that has been paid on the money. But the scheme has made an even smaller contribution than payroll giving, according to CAF.

Charities, which allow charities to claim back income tax already paid on regular donations, are used by 8 per cent of the adult population, according to the Individual Giving and Volunteering Survey, published this week.

Payroll giving was used by 2 per cent. Covenants were typically for £72 a year. Char-

Payroll giving lets employees make regular, small gifts from their wages before tax



Jumbo effort: Sponsored events, such as this World Wide Fund for Nature "Pedal for the Planet" appeal this month, are said to attract donations from 26 per cent of adults. That event raised £150,000.

ties do much better out of wills. Legacies to charities are made by about 3 per cent of the adult population, according to the survey. They account for £500 million a year.

To benefit charities in this way, people have first to make a will. The charitable giving survey showed that 72 per cent had not made wills. Of those that had, 13 per cent had included a donation to charity. Of the 34 who had made charitable bequests, 32 said the amount was small but two said that it was substantial.

Of those questioned, 17 per cent said they had never thought of leaving money to charity in their wills. Bequests to registered charities are not subject to inheritance tax. This tax is charged at 40 per cent. The first £150,000 of an estate is exempted, as are gifts between spouses.

Of the estates attracting inheritance tax, one in five includes a charitable bequest. In 1986-7, 8,137 bequests were made to charity, and these averaged £40,000.

Medical and health charities receive most, followed by general welfare. In this category, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution receives 26 per cent of legacies. Animal protection charities receive £60 million a year, according to *Charity Trends 1991*. Most of the leading charities have leaflets explaining how to make wills.

The majority of donations to charity are small amounts given by people when they are prompted to do so. Raffle tickets are the most popular way of giving, with 34 per cent of people having made donations in this way in the previous month. Door-to-door collections jog 30 per cent of adults into giving, and street collections prompt 26 per cent to give, as do sponsored events, according to the survey.

Because so many donations are made in this way, the total donation each month to charity is £2 per person.

Larger individual donations have been hit by the recession, Mr Brophy said.

Plastic benefactors raise millions



Faith in system: Mike Blackburn, of the Leeds

CHARITIES benefit every time thousands use their credit cards. The Leeds Permanent Building Society announced this week that it has handed over £3 million to three charities in the three and a half years since it launched its Visa credit card.

This is based on £5 for each of the 230,000 cards issued, and 20p for every £100 spent by cardholders. Since the society introduced an annual charge last year, the one-off £5 for a new customer has been replaced with the option to pay £5 of the £12 charge each year to the British Heart Foundation, Imperial Cancer Research Fund or Mencap.

Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Leeds, said: "The concept of a card linked to charities has worked for us because we had faith in it. It's been proved many times that people are happy to support charities if it is made easy for them."

The Credit Card Research Group estimates that £7 million has been raised by the credit card industry since Bank of Scotland launched its National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children card in 1987. The bank will not disclose how much has been raised by the Visa card. It pays £5 for every

new card and 25p for every £100 spent by cardholders.

Barclaycard, the largest card provider, with 8.6 million cards, does not offer any charity cards. "We looked at the issue of affinity cards and decided not to go forward," a spokeswoman said.

Barclaycard customers can donate the points rewards they earn when they spend £10 or more to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. These are converted into cash by Barclays, and over three years £175,000

has gone to the charity. TSB has 80,000 holders of its Save the Children Fund Visa card, which was launched in April 1988. This pays 5% when the card is issued and then 25p for £100 spent. It has raised £317,000 for charity.

Midland Bank has 25,000

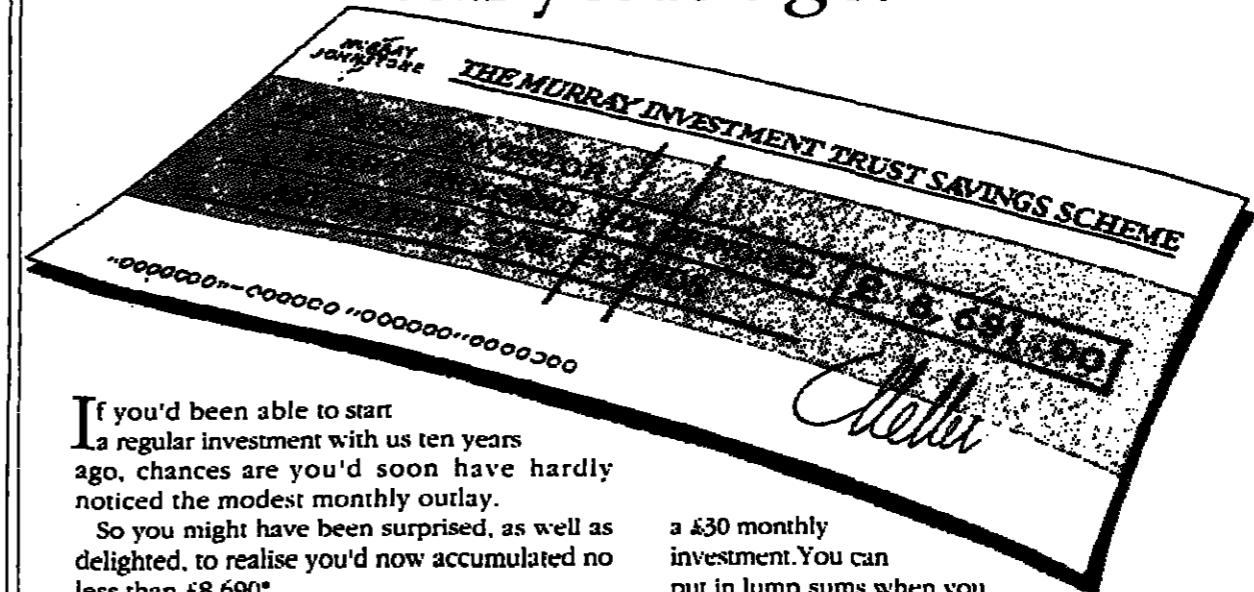
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The bank's National Trust affinity card, launched in

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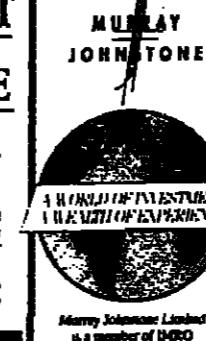
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Redundancies and red tape add to tangled backlog of case valuations

Growing delays in pension transfers cause concern

BY SHIRLEY DAVENPORT

THE problem of lengthy delays in pension transfers, already a big source of complaint, may become worse. Pensions experts give warning that increasing redundancies will add to a tangled backlog of pension transfers, as former employees consider switching their money into the schemes of other employers or personal pensions.

One woman, made redundant by Northcliffe Newspapers in 1989, has waited two-and-a-half years for her company pension to be transferred to a personal plan she started in 1990.

She learnt the transfer value of her pension only a few months ago, but in the meantime received a written apology that blamed the delay on the large number of redundancies.

Since transfer values depend on the current investment market, her pension's

transfer value would have fallen if interest rates had increased during the delay. With interest rates lower than two years ago, transfer values have risen.

A spokeswoman in the company's pension department said: "The transfer value is now having to be recalculated because things have taken so long."

She explained that a 1989 valuation of the pension scheme, which involved making certain benefits retrospective, had added to the workload. A mix-up over a missing form caused extra delay.

Delays are a main source of complaints referred to the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service and the Pensions Ombudsman. Much of the blame is laid on staff cutbacks and a long-winded transfer system involving too many intermediaries. OPAS believes simplifying the transfer

system would help speed things up.

Don Hall, OPAS chief executive, said: "These delays are not deliberate attempts to do people down. Most of the time they are due to inadequate administration resources. Many of the larger pension schemes, particularly with local authorities, have insufficient administrative machinery to deal with the huge backlog of people wanting transfers."

The system is often complicated by a huge chain of people each needing information before a transfer can be completed. At present, every actuary has his own way of calculating transfers. The system needs to be improved by making it standardised."

Another cause for delay may be a reluctance to transfer the pension if the trustees feel it is not in the interests of the member. "The member

may be sacrificing a good index-linked pension for an inferior one. Psychologically, because the trustees are not allowed to advise members, they drag their heels."

Occasionally, transfers might be held up if a pension fund is in deficit. "Some members have difficulty when trustees are deliberately evasive or refuse to reply to their questions about a transfer," Mr Hall said. "There is no legislation to say how long trustees should take to produce a transfer value, only that they must pay interest if it is not paid six months after acceptance of the figure they quote."

Since the European Court of Justice ruling in May 1990 that pensions are deferred pay, and that pension ages for men and women should be equalised, some employers have been waiting to hear if equalisation is retro-

spective, and whether they need to recalculate transfer values for people who left their pension rights behind when they left.

Another reason for delays occurs when pension affairs, only one of the duties assigned to an overworked company secretary, are considered to have low priority. Paul Thompson, of Berry Birch and Noble, said: "The

source of delay is often tracked back to forms not being completed. But it should take no more than an hour to calculate a transfer value, and that could even be given over the phone. When there is a long delay, the immediate worry is that there may be something wrong with the pension fund. Most companies would want to avoid that idea being spread among their employees."

Second instalment deadline close for BT investors

BY SARA MCCONNELL

ABOUT 1.8 million investors who bought shares in last year's BT sell-off have until July 7 to pay the second instalment on their partly-paid shares. Payment notices and interim certificates have been sent out this week.

The second instalment is 120p per share, except for those qualifying for the instalment discount, who will pay 105p per share for the first 1,000 shares. If investors hold on to their shares and pay both the second and third instalments, they will receive a discount worth £30 for every 100 shares allocated, 15p per share on each instalment.

Shareholders entitled to the discount will receive a payment notice with the 15p discount already deducted. A separate notice will be sent to those who also have shares not attracting the discount. Cheques for the second instalment should arrive at the registrar's office no later than July 2, to meet the deadline for receipt of cleared funds by 3 pm on July 7.

Anyone who does not pay the instalment on time will lose their right to their shares, along with any incentives such as instalment discounts or bonus shares. They could be entitled to a refund but this will be a maximum of 110p per share. It could be less if the price obtained for the shares, minus the selling and administrative costs incurred, resulted in a loss to

the Treasury. Lloyds Bank BT's registrars, has set up a help line on (0903) 503733, which will be open during working hours. Investors who have not received their payment notice by June 23 or who have lost it should telephone the help line, as should those unsure of how to deal with it. Those who have moved house should check at their former address.

Some institutions are offering special deals for people wanting to sell their shares before the second instalment is due. Norwich and Peterborough, one of the government's designated share shops for the BT sale, is cutting its minimum commission to £15 for partly-paid BT shares until June 24. Up to three family members with the same surname will be charged £2 each if the minimum commission applies.

Dunbar, Boyle & Kingsley, the London stockbroker, is also offering to sell shares until June 23 for a minimum of £15 or 1.5 per cent, whichever is the greater. Families and friends can batch up to ten lots of shares together.

The Leeds Permanent does not have a special deal to cater for people selling partly-paid BT shares, but charges a minimum of £9.95 to sell up to £2,000 worth of shares in any of the 35 privatised companies through its postal dealing service.

Co-op Bank renews 'free' card pledge

THE Co-operative Bank is to continue its pledge of a "free for life" gold Visa card indefinitely. But it will raise the minimum annual qualifying salary level for card applicants to £30,000 from October 1 (Sara McConnell writes).

The bank launched its gold card last September, promising that those who applied before the end of this month would never have to pay an annual fee.

Fees for other gold cards range from £25 for Royal Bank of Scotland's Gold Mastercard for gold cheque account customers, up to £95 for National Westminster's Gold Mastercard.

Applicants for the Co-op gold card previously had to be home owners, aged more than 25, with a minimum salary of £20,000.

Terry Thomas, the bank's managing director, said the £10,000 increase in minimum salary could reduce the number of new applications by up to 50 per cent, but setting a higher salary qualification would bring in those prepared to spend on their cards. Co-op gold card holders spend about £300 a month on their cards at the moment.

Roger Gorvin, the Co-op's executive director responsible for credit card policy, rejected any suggestion that the in-

creased salary qualification was an attempt to stamp out fraudulent applications. "Our fraud experience has been less than average and we are not suffering any problems," he said.

Mr Thomas said that 21 per cent of applicants had so far been turned down, less than half the 50 per cent expected by the bank. More than 90 per cent of gold card customers are new to the bank.

There was some ill-feeling among those rejected and the Co-op had instituted a right of appeal. Between 35 and 40 per cent of potential customers appealing were accepted.

There are no increases to the present 15-day free credit period, despite some complaints that it is shorter than the 25 days offered by other leading cards. Mr Thomas said: "The Co-op has to carry on during these days of grace, which adds significantly to our costs."

Increasing the free credit period would make it more difficult to avoid imposing an annual fee, he said. Those customers who do not pay off the whole balance on their card but who make the minimum repayment by direct debit will be charged 1.75 per cent interest a month (an annual percentage rate of 23.1 per cent).



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In the third part of her series examining family finance through life, Liz Dolan looks at the onset of middle age

CHARLES and Melanie Munro brought their two daughters, Kate and Kara, from America to live in London two years ago. They have noticed an enormous difference in the cost of living since they first lived in the UK in the early 1970s, partly because of the dollar exchange rate, but also because of a general rise in prices, especially for property. Mrs Munro said: "Our cost of living has doubled in every way, even though our house over here is slightly smaller."

Nowadays, women must be prepared to support themselves throughout their lives because of the need for two incomes, and because of the high rate of divorce."

The mortgage on their American home is £600 a month. Their London house costs £700 a week to rent. The biggest drain on the family income is school fees. Kara, 12, attends the American School in London, where the fees are £5,000 a year. "Back

then, we would have avoided that idea being among their employees," said Charles.

The Treasury, Lloyds & BT's registrars, has set up a helpline on (0803) 507257 which will be open 24 hours. Investors who have not received payment notice by June 15 should telephone the helpline. Those who have lost it should call the helpline. Those who have moved house should check at their new address.

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Family scales: Americans Kara, Kate and Melanie Munro cope with the cost of living in London

INVESTMENTS

CAREFREE singles in the higher tax bracket are likely to consider higher-risk, tax-efficient ventures such as Peps because of the likely higher returns. For those willing to accept lower returns in exchange for guaranteed in-

terest payments, Philip Ostle, senior consultant at MacIntyre Hudson Financial Services, might recommend with-profits bonds from insurance companies.

"They've suffered from a certain amount of bad press recently, but I still think they can be a good idea, provided you don't need the cash for at least five years."

People who need ready access to their cash would be better off putting their money in a building society account. Mr Ostle is also keen on zero

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Interest rate move accelerates decline in local council bonds

BY SHIRLEY DAVENPORT

THE declining popularity of over-the-counter council bonds has persuaded some local authorities that they are no longer worth offering.

Fewer than 30 councils still offer local bonds for a minimum of £1,000 invested over a fixed term, but the interest rates they pay have dwindled from 14 per cent in their heyday to as little as 5 per cent. Some councils discourage new investments.

At one time, nearly 100 local authorities found local bonds were a cheap way to raise money for community projects. But as the number of investors began to fall, several councils decided the administrative costs outweighed the benefits of a shrinking pool of low-interest cash.

Many blame the unpopularity of council bonds on the abolition of the composite rate system from April 6 last year, which meant that interest on bank, building society and other deposits would be paid after deduction of tax.

Because non-taxpayers can still have the interest paid gross, most investors are elderly.

In Surrey, Elmbridge council pays only 5 per cent interest and is discouraging new investors.

Plymouth council, paying 6.25 per cent interest, says it is loathe to turn investors away, but discourages them by offering a low interest rate.

Investment from bondholders has slumped from more than £1 million in recent years to £260,000 now.

A spokesman said: "We are reluctant to discontinue the bonds for two reasons. At some point they may be a useful way of raising a substantial sum of money, repaid at a lower interest rate than



the banks would require. Secondly, a number of local people feel they are helping their community by investing in it."

Lancashire county council no longer advertises its bonds, but has a 40 per cent renewal from people who have invested for years, even though the interest rate has dropped from 14 per cent in the early eighties to 9.5 per cent gross.

Some councils devised a way to hang on to investors' money by paying increased interest over longer periods. Cardiff council pays 9 per cent gross for new investments over four years, 9.33 per cent gross for money invested over five, six and seven years, and 9.67 per cent gross up to ten years. However, even Cardiff has seen investments decline from £1.1 mil-

lion two years ago to £757,000 since it began paying interest net.

A spokesman said: "Weighed against the administrative costs involved, the only benefit is the differential in the interest rates we offer and the one we would have to pay the bank or the Public

Works Loan Board. This is cheap money for us."

Councils agree that adminis-

trative costs can make

bonds unprofitable all round.

Because it may cost 2 or 3 per cent to administer even a small amount, a council will have to pare the interest paid to the bondholder, making it

even more uncompetitive with what the building societies can offer.

But several councils are wary of scrapping them. At one time, local authorities were able to borrow generous sums from the Public Works Loan Board at a preferential rate of interest. However, the board has not only substantially cut quotas to fund local authority projects but its increased interest rate makes loans more expensive to repay.

Plymouth, for example, says its quota to finance a capital programme has been cut by a couple of million pounds and the council may be forced to borrow on the market. "Bonds may be an attractive way to raise that money in the future," a spokesman said.

Bristol, which currently holds about £7 million in council bonds paying 9.75 per cent interest, will continue offering the bonds despite their waning popularity. "They would probably never be started up again once they were scrapped," a spokesman said.

The opportunity would be forever lost to raise funds at a lower rate of interest, while borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board has become more expensive."

Tempting deals on offer

LENDERS are continuing to offer a range of fixed-rate loans at less than 10 per cent for up to five years to tempt borrowers back into the housing market before the summer holidays. Several have also introduced deals to encourage buyers into the market before stamp duty re-

turns on August 19.

The Skipton Building Society has launched a limited offer fixed-rate mortgage for first-time buyers wanting to beat the stamp duty deadline. They will pay 8.99 per cent until September 30, 1993, followed by a further two years fixed at 9.99 per cent until September 30, 1995. The application fee is £50 and borrowers are not compelled to take out insurance with the society.

National & Provincial Building Society is waiving the £150 reservation fee if usually charges for first-time buyers on its guaranteed rates on all applications received before August 1. This is to help buyers wanting to complete purchases before August 19. Under the guarantee, rates for first-time buyers wanting to borrow up to £60,000 will pay 9.45 per cent until June 1, while those borrowing £60,000 or more will pay 9.25 per cent.

Commercial Union's new mortgage has a fixed rate of 8.5 per cent for the first year, rising to 9.5 per cent in the second year and 10.5 per cent in years three to five. Two new rates from N&P fix payments at 9.85 per cent until June 1994, or 9.95 per cent until June 1995. The

society said that buying now to avoid stamp duty would save borrowers £480 on the first-time buyer's average purchase of £48,000.

Some mortgage brokers

have dismissed the emphasis

on stamp duty as "hype". Ian

McKenna, of Blythe McKenna,

the independent mortgage broker, said that the

rise in mortgage indemnity premiums for buyers borrowing more than 75 per cent of the property's value would absorb any savings made on stamp duty. However, he said that any rate under 10 per cent fixed for three years or more was a good deal.

Blythe McKenna is offering a five-year capped rate of 9.99 per cent, which would allow people to benefit from further cuts in the base rate.

There is an arrangement fee of £250 plus 1 per cent of the loan.

The rate is also being offered by John Charcol, the independent mortgage broker. Ian Darby, John Charcol's marketing manager, said buyers should take advantage of fixed rates of less than 10 per cent but look carefully at any conditions, such as compulsory insurance from lenders.

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Disproving subsidence in homes should lower insurance premiums

From Mr Nigel Sherratt

ed on sand and gravel and so are not at risk from clay shrinkage.

Anybody who is fortunate enough to own one of these houses should be able to reduce their insurance premium with the help of a report from a structural engineer. The report would also be an asset when selling the house and would counteract the tendency among surveyors to see subsidence in every minor crack.

We gave advice recently on a Victorian house in Islington that a surveyor had described as uninsurable and unmortgageable because, in his opinion, based on some cracking and a tree in the back garden, there was subsidence damage caused by clay shrinkage. He did not bother to check the ground condition before giving this potentially disastrous opinion.

We were able to show, after a morning's work, that the foundations were on sand and gravel and that the cracks were normal for a house of that age.

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Is this another case of "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours"? Yours faithfully,
NIGEL SHERRATT,
Price & Myers,
Consulting Engineers,
2 Morwell Street,
WC1.

Back scratchers

From GES R. Turton

Sir, Today, I received BT Annual Review 1992 and Notice of Annual General Meeting and explanatory notes, which, among other things, contain the following interesting items.

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GES R. TURTON,
28 Stamford Common,
Mapplewell,
Barnsley,
Yorkshire.



On the track of missing dividends

From P.J. Bishop

Sir, Mrs J.C. Dixon (June 13) is wise to keep track of her dividends. She may be interested in the saga of one of them again.

In 1988, having failed to receive one, I telephoned the registrar to ask why. I was told I had sold the shares and so was not entitled. A faxed copy of my share certificate cut no ice.

I telephoned a sympathetic man at the Stock Exchange who very reasonably asked that I put the whole thing in writing, which I did. I also made a statement to a member of the Fraud Squad. I never heard from either of them again.

My name was restored to the share register, and the dividend paid, only after I had taken the law into my own hands, an adventure which cost £1,500 before tax relief.

Yours faithfully,
P.J. BISHOP,
Finnid House,
Grundisburgh,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

British company pension frozen after employee transferred to Paris

From Mrs S. Meade

Sir, My son worked for Reuters for more than 12 years, since leaving university, first in London and then as an expatriate in Germany. Last autumn he was moved at short notice to Paris, the alternative being redundancy.

Reuters in Paris is apparently treated as a completely separate organisation and my son is now rated as local French staff, involving, of course, considerable additional expense. Though he still has a house in

England his pension with Reuters UK has been frozen, and he has been obliged to take out a completely new pension with the French firm, and will be disadvantaged.

Can you advise on any measures he should take?

Yours faithfully,
SHELAGH MEADE,
25 Rochester Square, NW1.

Reply by Touché Ross

There is probably very little Mr Meade can do in these cir-

cumstances. In financial terms, he seems to have two major problems: his net of tax income has been reduced by his transfer to France, and his accrued pension entitlement has been frozen.

It is very difficult to say whether more information whether the tax treatment being applied in France is correct, but it is assumed here that it is.

Accordingly, there is probably little scope for improving his finances through tax planning off his own bat. Pre-

pared by Touché Ross

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□ Birmingham Midshires building society is reopening its First Class instant access postal account today. The second issue is paying 9.5 per cent gross, on a minimum investment of £500 and 10.25 per cent gross, on balances of £10,000 and above. Balances of over £50,000 earn 10.5 per cent gross, while £100,000 or more earns 10.75 per cent gross. The first issue of the account closed four weeks after its launch in April.

□ A leaflet explaining personal equity plans (Peps) has been published by the Inland Revenue. It explains who can open a Pep, and describes the types of investment people can make. It outlines the two types of Pep available — the single company plan and the general plan — and the plan manager's role.

Fees are lower

From Vivian Anthony

Sir, The report in the personal finance section on Saturday, June 13, may have given parents the wrong impression. It is certainly wise for parents to plan for school fees from as early a date as possible but the average day school fees which were quoted were far too high. Most of the major day schools, which account for well over half the pupils in HMC and GSA schools, have fees around £4,000 p.a. The average fees you quote (£4,035) no doubt relate to day pupils at mainly boarding schools. Moreover, while the average fee increase for 1991-92 was around 12 per cent, the increase this year will be nearer 7.5 per cent — close to the rate of increase in teachers' salaries. Independent schools are making stringent efforts to hold down the rate of fee increases at this time of recession.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIAN ANTHONY,
Secretary, HMC,
Headmasters' Conference,
130 Regent Road, Leicester.

□ The Times regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and independent professional advice should be sought.

	Nominal rate	Champedoc at 20%	Whichever is less	Notes	Comments
BANKS					
Ordinary Day A/c:	2.65	2.65	2.12	none/none	7 day
Fixed Term Deposits:					
Savers	6.84	6.84	5.47	25,000-50,000	1 min
Savers	6.75	6.75	5.40	25,000-50,000	3 min
Savers	6.65	6.65	5.20	25,000-50,000	6 min
Savers	6.52	6.52	5.08	25,000-50,000	Local Branch
Midterm	6.75	6.75	6.40	10,000-50,000	1 min
Midterm	6.65	6.65	6.17	10,000-50,000	3 min
Midterm	6.50	6.50	5.95	10,000-50,000	6 min
Midterm	6.00	6.00	4.80	10,000-50,000	12 min

	Bank of England	Champedoc at 20%	Whichever is less	Notes	Comments
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS					
Bank of Scotland HMC	6.45	6.65	5.94	2,000	none 051 443 7777
Barclays NC	5.78	5.81	4.75	2,000	none 064 232 0000
Chase Manhattan	1.50	1.51	1.21	1,000	none 071 526 6545
Chase Manhattan	4.85	4.95	4.50	1,000	none 051 995 2076
Deutsche HMC	1.50	1.51	1.00	1,000	none 022 332 0072
Deutsche HMC	4.44	4.49	3.98	1,000	none 0742 830000
HSBC	4.31	4.38	3.50	500	none 0800 200 0000
HSBC	5.44	5.55	4.44	2,000	none 031 658 0555
TSB Bank HMC	4.31	4.31	3.45	2,000	none 071 400 0555

BUILDING SOCIETIES

	Building Society	Interest Rate	Term	Notes
Building Society	2.63	2.65	2.10	25+ min
Best buy — largest accounts:				
TSB Building Society	7.20	7.20	1,000 min	Postal
Challenger 3.50	7.00	7.00	1,250 min	50 day
Northern Rock	7.00	7.00	6,150 min	50 day
Tyneside	7.00	7.00	6,000 min	50 day
Bradford & Bingley	6.10	6.10	6,000 min	1 year
Best buy — all sizes:				
TSB Building Society	7.00	7.00	1,000 min	Postal
Northern Rock	7.00	7.00	6,150 min	50 day
TSB Building Society	6.00	6.00	6,000 min	50 day
Teachers	6.10	6.10	6,000 min	50 day
Tyneside	6.10	6.10	6,000 min	50 day
Bradford & Bingley	6.10	6.10	6,000 min	1 year

Cash/cheque accounts:

	Interest Rate	Term	Notes
HSBC	2.00	2.01	1.81
Barclays	2.10	2.10	1.74
TSB Building Society	1.00	1.00	1.50
Bradford & Bingley	1.00	1.00	1.50

Compiled by **Chris Vane-Morgan** — and 011 441 5768 for further details

NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Interest Rate	Term	Notes
Ordinary A/c	5.00	3.75	3.00
Investment A/c	6.50	6.50	5.10
Income Bond	9.25	6.84	5.55
Capital Bond	9.25	6.84	5.55
25% Income Cst	6.00	6.00	5.25
25% Income Cst+	6.00	6.00	5.25
Family Plan	8.00	8.00	8.00
Young People	10.00	10.00	10.00
Children's Bond	10.00	10.00	10.00
Gen Ext Rate	5.01	5.01	5.01
Capital Bond	10.75	10.00	10.00-100,000

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Bank Base Rate 10% Spanish Pesetas 177.25

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No Company Group Gain or loss

No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Yorkshire W	Water	-1
2	Perseverance	Building/Rds	-1
3	Fins Tech	Electrical	-1
4	Nat West	Banks/Dic	-1
5	Airbreak Leis	Leisure	-1
6	eBuller (H/P)	Breweries	-1
7	Kingfisher	Drapery/Strs	-1
8	Sema Gp	Electrical	-1
9	Weir	Industrial	-1
10	MEPC	Property	-1
11	Color Gp	Oils/Gas	-1
12	Eurosurplus Us	Transport	-1
13	Dicks	Electrical	-1
14	Rvl 8k Scs	Banks/Dic	-1
15	Lloyd's	Banks/Dic	-1
16	Farnell Elect	Electrical	-1
17	Cleaves	Industrial	-1
18	Blck	Electrical	-1
19	Hents	Motors/Air	-1
20	Electrocomptech	Electrical	-1
21	Northumbrian	Water	-1
22	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper/Print	-1
23	Courtauld Text	Textiles	-1
24	ERA Gp	Drapery/Strs	-1
25	Harrim Crfd	Industrial	-1
26	Countryside	Building/Rds	-1
27	Scops	Industrial	-1
28	Leeds	Textiles	-1
29	Land Sec	Property	-1
30	Br Airways	Transport	-1
31	Rugby Group	Building/Rds	-1
32	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	-1
33	Hogg Roburst	Drapery/Strs	-1
34	Booker	Foods	-1
35	Westpac	Banks/Dic	-1
36	Edical Bar	Property	-1
37	Porsmorth Sund	Newspaper/Pub	-1
38	Transpot Dev	Transport	-1
39	Mark Spens	Drapery/Strs	-1
40	Wimpey G	Building/Rds	-1
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REPORT: New crop wheat and barley remained lackluster all day, with volume very thin. With no fresh features, prices will continue to drift quietly lower. Book squaring on the

COMMODITIES

Oct 271.0-70.0 Oct 273.0-68.6
 Dec 270.0-68.6 Volume 209

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 93.0 (day's range 93.0-93.1).

June 19 Range Close 1 month

dam	3.2856-3.2956	3.2885-3.2916	4-4pr	4-4pr
is	60.00-60.23	60.05-60.17	Spr-par	7.2pr
hagen	11.2235-11.2637	11.2235-11.2461	4-4cds	1-2cds
urt	1.0915-1.0955	1.0915-1.0925	2pr-2ds	2-3pr
	2.9180-2.9284	2.9202-2.9232	4pr-par	4-pr-par
	241.61-243.12	241.61-242.64	09-13cds	291-308cds
d	183.43-184.16	183.43-183.78	36-41cds	120-132cds
	2205.96-2214.38	2205.96-2209.58	7-10ds	20-23ds
cal	2.2250-2.2318	2.2288-2.2310	0.78-0.72pr	1.60-1.51pr
ork	1.8570-1.8617	1.8600-1.8607	0.94-0.96pr	2.70-2.74pr
	11.4070-11.4434	11.4111-11.4247	4-4cds	4-1cds
	9.8317-9.8585	9.8320-9.8450	par-4cds	4-1cds

10.540-10.5539
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20.52-20.55

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2.6310-2.6445	2.6310-2.6338
<i>Estd.</i>	<i>4-14pr</i>
	Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

1.8379-1.8408
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cruzeiro	5946.36-5949.95	Canada	1.1984-1.1989
a pound	0.825-0.835	Denmark	6.0500-6.0550
a marka	7.9425-8.0225	France	5.2930-5.2980
a drachma	354.77-359.23	Germany	1.5742-1.5752
Kong dollar	14.3587-14.3684	Hong Kong	7.7343-7.7353

52.38-53.04
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4.6689-4.6733

peso	5770-5870	Malaysia	2 5145-2 5155
Canadian dollar	3.3939-3.4021	Netherlands	1.7740-1.7750
Arabia riyal	6.9465-7.0335	Norway	6.1450-6.1500
Swiss dollar	3.0117-3.0153	Portugal	130.30-130.50
Az. rand [fin.]	6.6507-6.7753	Singapore	1.8220-1.8230
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1 month 2 month 3 month

Bank CDs: 90%+9%	90%+9%	90%+9%	90%+9%	90%+9%	
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American athletes pay heavily for ruthless approach

With the Olympic Games only a few weeks away, the time has come for each country to select their best athletes for Barcelona. Different countries adopt different selection policies, the only common factor being that no one policy can please everybody.

The British selectors are notorious for making controversial decisions but, before criticising their judgment, one should at least give them credit for adopting an objective process of selection. The Athletic Congress (IAC), the governing body of athletics in the United States, makes no selection whatsoever. Its rules are straightforward:

some in the first three places in the trials and you are on the plane to Spain.

Many feel that this is the only sensible way to select a team from a nation whose depth of talent is so great that, in some events, any three athletes would perform admirably at the Olympics. I believe that this system is too cut-throat, since it leaves no room for error. The athlete is being asked to perform to the best of his or her ability on one specific day.

If unable to do so for whatever reason, then they must forget any hopes of going to the Games. If Jackie Joyner-Kersee were to suffer an asthma attack, Carl Lewis a muscle strain or Dan O'Bri-

en a migraine, then each would be watching the games on television, wishing she or he had been born in Europe.

Any athlete can have a bad day — Steve Backley proved this at the world championships last year — but good athletes always bounce back. Backley subsequently set a world javelin record. To deprive an athlete of the chance to perform on the greatest sporting stage because of one bad competition seems both unfair and unnecessary.

The British system is more sensible. It caters for the consistent performer by selecting two places by vote while also encouraging the inspired performance on the day of the trials by selecting



Roger Black, Britain's leading 400 metres runner, on differing selection policies for the Olympics

the first Briton in each event, as long as the Olympic standard has been attained. Of course there will be borderline cases, but the team selected for the Games should be of the highest quality.

The American trials start in New Orleans this weekend. Of the many questions being asked, one at least has already been answered. Michael Johnson has chosen to

run the 200 metres only and not attempt a double of 200 and 400 metres. I suggested two weeks ago that he would be wise to make this decision if an Olympic gold medal was his primary goal. Since then, he has suffered a rare defeat over 200 metres and another American, Quincy Watts, has run 44sec for the 400 metres. The double may elude Johnson, but there is more than one way to make history.

Much controversy will surround the 400 metres at the American trials if Butch Reynolds, the world record holder, participates. Reynolds has been serving a two-year ban for alleged traces of an anabolic steroid in a urine sample that he produced in Monaco in 1990. He has continually pleaded innocence claiming that the sample was not his own. He took his case to the American courts and provided sufficient evidence for his ban to be lifted in the United States.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), however, does not accept this situation and has maintained the ban on him competing until after the Olympics. The result has been that any athlete who runs against Reynolds will subsequently be banned from competing under IAAF rules. This poses a large problem for TAC. Reynolds feels that he is governed by American law and is thus entitled to compete in the Olympic trials; the sport, however, is governed by the IAAF.

My early season form has been encouraging. The times clocked have been respectable but are no real threat to the Americans, who are running significantly faster. I feel more relaxed about my running than ever, which is the key to performing well. As a high profile athlete, there are many demands made on my

time. There is also a sense of expectation from the public which can lead to unnecessary pressure. Despite all of this, I still feel the same about racing, the excitement of competition, the fear of failure, the need for achievement and — most of all — the sense of isolation when lining up to race, competing with others but primarily against myself.

Media exposure and financial rewards can, at times, appear to be all important, but it is the joy of competition, the appreciation of talent and the pursuit of excellence that is the essence of the sport. I hope all this will be taken into account if Reynolds does decide to compete in New Orleans.

Sole aiming to sign off on a high

Scotland call in two new caps and look for forward power

FROM ALAN LORIMER
IN BRISBANE

SCOTLAND will field two uncapped players in their side for the second international with Australia here tomorrow at Ballymore. On the right wing Ken Logan, aged 20, is preferred to the out-of-form Tony Stanger and will become the first player from Stirling County to represent Scotland. Martin Scott, 25, of Dunfermline, is the other player new to the side, which includes Damian Cronin, recalled for the first time since the World Cup match against Zimbabwe.

Commenting on the selection of Scott, who joined the tour as a replacement ahead of Ian Corcoran, the original reserve hooker, Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach, said: "Martin will give us more solidity in the scrum. Prior to Keh [Milne's] departure last Saturday [against Australia] we were not only holding our own in the scrum but were pushing them back."

Scott, who arrived in Australia as Milne's replacement only on Monday, proved himself ready to win his first cap on Wednesday night against a

factor in his selection and will probably influence the Australians' tactical kicking.

Damian Cronin looked certain to return to the side after several aggressive performances in midweek matches. The second-row forward has put much of his refund confidence down to the sprint coaching of Margo Wells and the technical help he has received from Alistair McHarg since joining London Scottish from Bath.

Cronin replaces Neil Edwards and will give Scotland extra options in the lineout, an area in which they were well beaten in the first international and in which they must improve drastically if they are to secure a good share of first-phase possession. According to Dixon, the Scots lost rhythm in the lineout after the departure of Milne partly due to Milne's rapport with Edwards at No. 2.

Behind the scrum, Scotland's backs must make better use of ruck ball, the way they did against Queensland three weeks ago. That game was also at Ballymore, which may have a less intimidating atmosphere than the Sydney Football Stadium.

Scotland believe they can play much better than they did in the first international, but whether they produce their best will depend largely on the leadership qualities of David Sole. The Scotland captain will be making his final appearance for his country tomorrow, and would wish for no better retirement present than a victory over the world champions.

Scotland, however, will be mindful that Ireland came close to defeating New Zealand in the first of two internationals, only to be overwhelmed a week later.

Slemen, assistant coach to Jack Rowell on the England B tour of New Zealand, has yet to receive official confirmation of his new role, but his appointment has been approved in committee as that of Peter Rossborough, the Midlands divisional coach, who will help with the B team next season.

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Slemen handed new role

Masterton, New Zealand: Mike Slemen, the former England and British Isles wing, will step up to join the senior England coaching team next season (David Hands writes).

With Geoff Cooke, the team manager, stepping back from the coaching role he has enjoyed over the last five years, Slemen is to become assistant to Dick Best, who coached the team which won the 1992 Grand Slam.

Slemen, aged 41, won 31 caps and scored eight tries during his eight-year career on England's left wing.

ROWING

Irish and Scots lead Henley challenge

still aiming for a future show-down race.

For the first time the regatta will be held over two days with the finals tomorrow afternoon. As a result of a National Rivers Authority ruling, the course will revert to an upstream, 1,500 metre distance.

There will be 11 hours of racing at Marlow regatta today although, surprisingly in a year of large overseas entries at Henley Royal, only one American and one South African club are involved.

Helen Mangan and Trish

Corless, the lightweight double sculls silver-medal winners in Lucerne, are entered in the lightweight doubles and singles. Sue Appelboom, who withdrew from Lucerne due to illness, is also in the lightweight pairs, but Sue Key, her leading rival for Great Britain selection this year is absent.

Bill Mason, lightweight chief coach, does not regard Henley Royal as part of his selection programme, although Appelboom's coach, Tony James, is

BOXING

Graham may get return with Jackson

HEROL Graham could be given another chance to challenge his old rival, Julian Jackson, of the United States (Srikumar Sen writes). The opening for the British championship came on Thursday when Don King announced that Jackson's opponent, Otis Grant, of Canada, had dropped out of a double world championship show at the Hilton here on August 1. Both

he and Jackson called on middleweights to come forward.

King said: "Julian Jackson will fight any man alive, and we now have no options, no ties. If he would be kind enough to help Jackson, we would fight anyone, anywhere."

Graham's promoter, Mick Duff, said he would be talking to King. "I'm delighted

ed," Duff said, "because Graham will not have the bother of having to move up the rankings. I did not think King would give Graham a second chance, but if Jackson said he wants to fight Graham, I am going to talk to King straight away."

Jackson said: "I will fight anyone. I haven't had the payday I was promised. I am not getting what I deserve. Don, if you are the best promoter, it is time to prove that with the dollars."

Graham and Jackson met in 1990. The bout had to go to Spain because Jackson had had a retina operation and the British Boxing Board of Control would not allow him to box in Britain. Graham had no trouble outboxing Jackson for three rounds but, in the fourth, lost concentration and was knocked out.

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In control: Mayer, of Great Britain, holds an Egyptian defender at bay during yesterday's game at Milton Keynes

Impressive Hill scores two more goals

Great Britain 2
Egypt 0

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

ROBERT Hill followed his five goals in Amsterdam with two more from short corners for Great Britain against Egypt in the Milton Keynes Challenge yesterday.

Britain then went in search

sixth short corner. Egypt then launched a few effective raids through the middle, calling on Rowlands to save from Magdy Abdulla and later from Gamal Abdulla from a short corner.

Britain then went in search

of more goals, but a good save by the Egyptian goalkeeper prevented Mayer from increasing the lead in the 51st minute. By the end of the match, Britain had earned seven short corners and Egypt's two.

Unless the north Africans improve their game considerably in the next few weeks, they seem unlikely to trouble Britain when the teams meet in the Olympic Games on July 26.

Germany, meanwhile, beat Spain 3-0 in the second match that was played in pouring rain. Spain played superb hockey for most of the first half, but fell behind when Fischer converted a short corner for the Germans in the

27th minute. Becker scored two more goals in the second half, in the 55th and 66th minutes. Spain rallied towards the end but failed to convert a short corner.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Two tries and two losses for Offiah

Parramatta 22
Great Britain 16

FROM KEITH MACKLIN
IN SYDNEY

EVERYTHING went wrong on the blustery black Friday for Great Britain.

Before the game, Martin Offiah, reputed to be the world's fastest player in rugby boots, was beaten by a metre by Parramatta's local hero, wing Lee Odendyng, in a Aus\$3,000 (£1,215) challenge sprint. Then, in a curtain-raiser, the New South Wales Police team beat their British counterparts 40-0.

Earlier in the day, it had been announced that Ian Lucas, the Wigan front-row forward, would be going home after being concussed. He will almost certainly be joined on the plane by Andy Gregory, his Wigan team-mate, who has the formality of a medical examination on his injured groin today.

Victory at Parramatta was vital to inject order and optimism before the second international, in Melbourne next Friday.

Great Britain trailed 12-6 at half-time after conceding tries by Laurie and Buetner and two goals from Buetner, again a well-worked try by Edwards, converted by Eastwood.

In the early minutes of the second half, Offiah erased some of the shock and disappointment of his sprint defeat by crowning two incisive moves with tries to put Great Britain ahead 16-12. Alas, like the tour in general, the effort seemed inexplicably, to come apart at the seams.

Edwards was sent to the sin-bin and Brett Kenny, the Parramatta captain, shrugged off four tackles to open up the route to the British line for Mahon. Buetner kicked the goal and British hopes were extinguished when the referee ruled that Crooks had knocked on in his own 22 when the ball appeared to go behind him. Parramatta pounded the line, and it cracked again when Galbraith went over.

Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, said: "We stopped doing the basics after getting in front. Still, we have a week to recover and sort ourselves out."

SCORERS: Parramatta: Tries: Laurie, Buetner, Mahon. Goals: Fisher, Lister, R Hill, D Williams, R Garcia (sub: J Shaw); R Thompson (sub: N Neill), R Cliff (cap), Lee (sub: C May). Penalties: Mohamed, Abd El Yazeed, Gamal Abdulla, Ashraf, Gindy, Magdy Abdulla.

Umpires: J Gorzata (Spain) and P van Beneden (Belgium).

Britain waste flurry of chances

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

next occasion, she missed the target. Apart from the short corners two open chances were also lost. Shots by Lister were aimed straight at the goalkeeper.

The French, in contrast, made their first entry into the circle only 30 seconds before the half-time interval gave them some respite.

France came more into the attack at the start of the second half, but it was not long before Britain took command, nevertheless continuing to miss chances and failing with three more short corners.

However, Britain's anxiety

was relieved when Mandy Nicholls broke free on the right and hit the ball hard across for Lister to score with a strong hit.

Britain could have scored at least two more goals before the end of play but the French defence held out.

GREAT BRITAIN: T. Thomson, L. Bayles, W. Fraser, S. Lister, M. Neal (capt, sub: T. Miller, M. Edwards); R. Buetner, L. Fisher, J. Laurie, R. Hill, D. Williams, R. Garcia (sub: J. Shaw); R. Thompson (sub: N. Neill), R. Cliff (cap), J. Lee (sub: C. May). **EGYPT**: Mohamed, Abd El Yazeed, Gamal Abdulla, Ashraf, Gindy, Magdy Abdulla.

Umpires: P. Morow (Wales) and P. van Beneden (Belgium).

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today **CRICKET** Second Cornhill Test match 11.00 over minimum

LORD'S: England v Pakistan

BRITANNIC Assurance county championship 11.00, 9.00 over minimum

BATSTON: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Middlesex

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Middlesex

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire

WEMBLEY: England v Pakistan

Other matches 11.30 to 6.30

FENNERS: Cambridge University v Kent

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan

DUNDEE: Scotland v Ireland

BOWLS: Welsh youth's championship (Blaenau Ffestiniog)

GOLF: Scottish youth's championship (Glenrothes)

HOCKEY: International tournament (Milton Keynes): Men, Germany v Egypt (1pm); Great Britain v Spain (3pm)

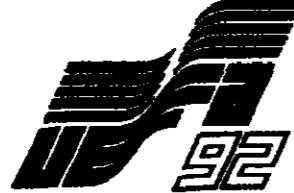
CYCLING: National 24-hours champion (Edinburgh): Men, 10 miles (Edinburgh), 25 miles (Edinburgh), 50 miles (Edinburgh)

WATERPOLO: Great Britain v France (1pm)</

FOOTBALL

Vogts strives to regroup in time for semi-finals

FROM STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN GOTENBURG



Tomorrow
Sweden v Germany
(Stockholm, 7.15)
Monday
Holland v Denmark
(Gothenburg, 7.15)
Final
Friday, June 26
(Gothenburg, 7.15)

half against England, they can expect to be knocked out. Should they be as forceful as in the second, they could match their predecessors' feat in 1958 when they reached the final of their own World Cup.

As the Germans will have noted, the left side of their defence is flawed. Bjorklund is an inadequate full back, although Daley failed to exploit the deficiency, and Andersson is considered by his former English manager at Malmö, Bob Houghton, to be comparatively slow.

Hässler, the diminutive German who made a mockery of Taylor's suggestion that internationals should ideally be built along the lines of fleet-footed weightlifters, promises to probe both weaknesses. With his darting runs and astute passes, he alone kept his side in the tie against Holland when they were otherwise being outmanoeuvred.

The match offers a sharp contrast in styles. Taylor insisted last Wednesday that Sweden "beat us at our own game", a justifiable comment. It was also a condemnation of the inadequacy of his players and, unwittingly, of his own tactical confusion in the Rasunda Stadium.

The Swedes are physically powerful, an asset with which Taylor seems to be obsessed, but they complemented their natural athleticism with subtle skill and precise distribution. Yet they are bound to be weakened by the loss of the suspended Schwarz, their midfield architect, from the bench.

Together with Thern, his club colleague, he designed England's defeat which was completed by Brodin, an elusive forward who has scored two of their four goals. Eriksson, the scorer of the other two, will be equally dangerous at set pieces.

Should Sweden be as tentative as they were in the first

RESULTS: England 0; Denmark 0; France 0 (Paris); Holland 1 (Eindhoven); England 2; Sweden 2 (Bergen, Brodin); England 0; Scotland 0 (Edinburgh, Gordon); Germany 1 (Düsseldorf); Germany 2; Holland 0; Scotland 3 (McStay, McAllister, pen); Holland 3 (Rijkard, Witschge, Bergkamp); Germany 1 (Klinemann).

Unhappy Platini ready to resign

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MICHEL Platini is expected to resign as France's national coach next month. Platini was hugely disappointed at his team's dismal showing in the European championships in Sweden where they scored two goals in three games.

No official announcement is likely until after July 2, when Fifa will name the hosts for the 1998 World Cup finals. France are favourites to stage the tournament and Platini would not want to do anything to jeopardise their chances. France won 16, drew eight and lost five matches during Platini's 43 months in charge.

"Talk to me again on July 2," Platini said when the French team flew into Paris from Stockholm. "We didn't deserve to get to the semi-finals, although I believe we are better than our results."

Gerard Houllier, the former manager of Paris Saint-Germain, who has been Platini's assistant, will be favourite to take over, unless Platini reconsider.

Platini had his arm twisted into taking on the job in 1988 when France were trying to qualify for the 1990 World Cup. They failed then, but were the only side to win all their qualifying matches for the European championships.



Satank and Pat Eddery forge clear to capture the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot yesterday

Red Rosein foils Wokingham gamble

By MICHAEL STEWART

A WELL-TIMED finishing run by Gary Carter saw Red Rosein, a 33-1 outsider, foil a heavy gamble on Double Blue, backed from 10-1 to 6-1 favouritism, in the Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot yesterday.

In direct contrast to Wednesday's Royal Hunt Cup, only the runners drawn in the middle and the far side of the track were ever in the race with a winning chance.

For most of the six-furlong journey it looked like another big race win for Michael Roberts as the in-form jockey made the running on Double Blue. But, staying on the stronger, Red Rosein won by three-quarters of a length with Kaytee a neck away third just in front of Lochsang.

The strongly-fancied Consigliere, racing on the stands side, could never land a blow at the leaders and finished eleventh.

Red Rosein, a six-year-old mare, is trained near Preston by Captain Jimmy Wilson. But the trainer missed seeing the most important triumph of his 12-year career as he was on holiday in Spain.

He was represented by his daughter, Geraldine Rees, who was the first woman to complete the Grand National course on Cheers.

"He was unlucky to be disqualified after winning at Thirsk," said Mrs Rees. "He's been laid out for this race and

he's also entered in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood."

In the opening Windsor Castle Stakes, Bill Watts, surprisingly without a win at Royal Ascot for seven years, showed us a fast two-year-old when Pat Eddery drove Satank to a three-quarters of a length defeat of Surprise Offer. Watts trains the winner for Robert Sangster.

"He's obviously very fast," Watts enthused. "so we might go for something like the Molecomb at Goodwood."

MANDARIN

2.15 NORDAN Ralder. 2.45 Two Moves In Front. 3.15 Educated Pet. 3.45 Calcutta Flyer. 4.20 Legendary. 4.50 Breakdancer. 5.20 Arctic Splendour.

THUNDERER

2.15 O'Donnell's Folly. 2.45 Area Girl. 3.15 Hemsworth Lad. 3.45 Calcutta Flyer. 4.20 Battle Colours. 4.50 Breakdancer. 5.20 Sir Norman Holt.

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DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 GREEN MOUNTAIN APPRENTICE HANDICAP (E2,190; 6f) (7 runners)

1 0514 DIET 10 (CD,F,G) Miss L. Perrett 6-10-0 R. Havin 6-10-0 2 0010 10 (P,D,F,G) Miss L. Perrett 6-10-0 R. Havin 6-10-0 3 2023 O'DONNELL'S FOLLY 6-10 (P,D,F,G) Miss L. Perrett 6-10-0 P. Bowes 3-1 4 0005 NEVADA MIX 10 (D,F,G) Miss L. Perrett 6-10-0 D Carson 5-1 5 0006 SWEET ROMEO 11 (D,F,G) Miss L. Perrett 6-10-0 J. McManus 5-1 6 0007 TITAN 55 6-10 (D,F,G) Miss L. Perrett 6-10-0 R. Lappin 5-1 7 0008 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 8 0009 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 9 0010 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 10 0005 LUCKY COW 5-1 P. Montfort 6-9-0 R. Havin 7-7 11 0006 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 12 0005 LUCKY COW 5-1 P. Montfort 6-9-0 R. Havin 7-7 13 0007 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 14 0008 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 15 0009 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 16 0010 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 17 0011 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 18 0012 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 19 0013 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 20 0014 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 21 0015 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 22 0016 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 23 0017 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 24 0018 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1 25 0019 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Lappin 5-1

2.45 BELLSILLE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (E2,263; 5f) (5)

1 213 SHADOW JURY 14 (D,F,G) J. Wahrheit 9-4 G. Baxter 2-2 2 016 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 17 (D,G) J. Berry 9-1 J. Carroll 1-1 3 015 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 4 0006 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 5 0007 SCORRED AGAIN 10 (D,F,G) Miss L. Perrett 6-10-0 A. Culture 5-1 6 0008 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 7 0009 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 8 0010 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 9 0011 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 10 0012 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 11 0013 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 12 0014 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 13 0015 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 14 0016 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 15 0017 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 16 0018 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 17 0019 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 18 0020 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 19 0021 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 20 0022 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 21 0023 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 22 0024 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 23 0025 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 24 0026 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7 25 0027 TITAN 55 F Lee 9-0 R. Havin 7-7

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4.50 LONGHILL MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (E2,710; 1m 5f) (10)

1 322 HTHAL 251 L Lingo 4-12-0 Dean McNamee 1-1 2 0002 BEAU QUEST 7 (P,D,F,G) R. Whisker 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 3 0003 CATALAN 252 12 C. Booth 5-9-0 G. Oldroyd 5-9-0 4 0004 PETITESE 12 (P,D,F,G) G. Blamey 5-9-0 R Fox 5-9-0 5 0005 BAY MEAD 7 (P,D,F,G) R. Whisker 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 6 0006 BREAKDANCER 25 12 C. Booth 5-9-0 G. Oldroyd 5-9-0 7 0007 KAYTRA 25 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 8 0008 RAYS MEAD 7 (P,D,F,G) R. Whisker 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 9 0009 BRIDE 21 21 M McCormick 3-8-1 A Culshaw 1-1 10 0010 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 11 0011 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 12 0012 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 13 0013 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 14 0014 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 15 0015 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 16 0016 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 17 0017 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 18 0018 TITAN 17 12 C. Tompkins 5-9-0 A Culshaw 1-1 19 0019 TITAN 17

Champions Essex seek to change fortunes

Nicholas's power gives Hampshire solid foundation

BY RICHARD STREETON

BOURNEMOUTH (first day of three; Essex won toss): Hampshire have scored 283 for eight wickets against Essex

FORCEFUL driving by Mark Nicholas, on both the back and front foot, provided the main substance to the Hampshire innings yesterday as the leaders in the championship were made to work hard by Essex. When rain brought the finish 35 minutes early, Hampshire were struggling to secure maximum batting points.

Nicholas hit 14 fours as he made a vintage 81. He struck the ball with more power and purpose on a slow pitch than has done all season.

Foster's decision to field first was unexpected as the pitch at Dean Park has always tended to be on its best behaviour early on before yielding slow turn later. Hampshire included Maru, a second spinner in place of Shine, the fast bowler. They

must have been delighted when Foster announced his intention after discussing it in the dressing-room.

One benefit for Essex was that it gave further time for their dismissal by Yorkshire for 83 on Thursday to fade from their mind. The championship programme has not even reached halfway yet but the champions have now lost three times this season. They cannot afford many more setbacks if they are to mount the challenge, which in recent summers has become the norm for them.

Foster nursed himself carefully after back trouble in the Yorkshire game but Gower, for a time, and Nicholas were the only Hampshire batsmen allowed off the leash for long.

Maru bowled well without a great lack of luck. Childs joined the attack for the 28th over and his first ball had Middleton caught behind from the thinnest of edges again as the batsman pushed forward.

James played too soon at a beautifully flighted ball and popped a catch to forward short leg.

Gower was in no trouble from the start and drove and pulled with a blend of relaxed confidence and certainty befitting a man in peak form. He had a fascinating little duel with Childs and took four of his nine fours from the left-arm spinner though the bowler had the final word.

Gower moved out to drive and was bowled by a ball which turned in some rough more than he expected. Childs, three for 36 in his first 12 overs at this point, went on to bowl 22 overs unchanged before he took a break. Marshall had not done a great deal as a batsman so far this season but now gave his captain discreet and invaluable support as Nicholas settled into his stride.

They added 80 in 23 overs before Marshall was bowled by Stephenson as the batsman tried to cut. Nicholas, playing forward, was also bowled by Stephenson. Ayliffe struck the ball firmly before he sliced a drive against Pringle and was brilliantly caught right-handed by Waugh at gully. Hampshire still needed 28 from nine overs for maximum batting points. Pringle had Maru leg-before and almost immediately the rain started.

TREVOR Penney, aged 24, marked his championship debut for Warwickshire with a determined half-century at Bristol yesterday, receiving just enough support from the tailenders to secure the third batting point.

Penney, born in Rhodesia and only recently qualified, was the junior partner in a fifth-wicket partnership with Dominic Oster, who hit 12 fours in 83, before taking charge of a faltering innings, undermined by some steady left-arm spin from Mark Davies.

Warwickshire's 253 was looking a decidedly useful total when Donald dismissed Hodgson and Wright cheaply.

Atherton seizes his chance

BY PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Lancashire have scored 346 for three against Middlesex

THE tide "the first man to a 1,000 runs" escaped Nick Speak earlier this week. He made up for it yesterday, scoring 111 to become the first man to 1,000 championship runs this season, a rather more impressive accolade.

Speak, a local product from Didsbury, had a long introduction to the first team, but since claiming a place half-way through last season, he has been immovable. Yesterday he scored his fourth century of the season, full of fluent shots off his legs and punctuated by pleasing drives as he hit 14 fours.

Perhaps equally significantly, with Phil Sharpe, the England "adviser" (in the new terminology) watching, he was accompanied by Michael Atherton. Atherton has found runs rather harder to come by this season, but he relished his opportunity yes-



Atherton: relentless

quicker, in 124 balls, including eight fours. By then, Middlesex knew they were facing a long, unrewarding day.

Atherton reached his hundred with an on drive for four, one of his most pleasing shots. Speak's hundred followed, off the last ball before tea, with the interval giving Middlesex some respite.

The partnership was worth 233 in 72 overs, a Lancashire record for the second wicket against Middlesex, when Speak played his favourite shot off his legs once too often, the ball flicking off his pad for Carr to take the catch at short leg.

If Speak's shot suggested tiredness, Atherton pressed on relentlessly.

If his innings contained few memorable shots, there was hardly a false one until after five-and-a-quarter hours, he top-edged a hook. He had hit 17 fours in his second century of the season. The wicket offered no respite for Middlesex, however, as Lloyd and Titchard took over.

Curtis will not be moved

BY IVO TENNANT

WORCESTER (first day of three; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 297 for seven wickets against Yorkshire

GRAFTING on a pitch of dubious character comes as naturally to Tim Curtis as to all the best accumulators. Even so, his fourth championship century of the season, achieved with an economy of style, of strokes, of just about everything, was perhaps the pick. He was in all day for 151 and his side would have been in a sorry state without him.

Some years ago there was

an appreciation in Wisden of another notable accumulator, John Edrich, by a former cricket correspondent of this newspaper. One day he fell asleep after lunch (or luncheon as it used to be called) and awoke to find that Edrich had made a century. There was no need to ask how the runs were scored, for the style and tempo did not vary. He might just as well have been writing about Curtis.

That is not to disparage a thoroughly worthy batsman, who finished yesterday with 20 fours. No one else made more than 24 on a pitch of varied bounce. The risk in

the crowd were hopeful that it would be an occasion for Neale, who was playing for the first time in any competition since last July. Taking the place of the injured Moody, he was sent in first wicket down, which was asking quite a lot. His ability looked not to have deserted him, not when he began by stroking Hartley on the up to the cover boundary. He had made 24 when Gough found a coker to bowl him.

Throughout the day York-

shire looked radiant, as well they might after two successive victories by an innings that have taken them to joint-third in the championship, as high as they have been since 1987. Only their slip catching once or twice let them down in front of Roy Hattersley.

OUR CRICKET PITCHES SEEM TO HAVE MORE GREEN STRIPES THAN EVER.



The white shoe with the green stripe. Reebok



Pulling power: Mujtaba scored a boundary with this fierce stroke off a short ball from Malcolm

Malcolm could benefit from following Tyson's example

JOHN WOODCOCK AT LORD'S

There were those at Lord's yesterday whose day was made just by seeing an English leg spinner, Ian Salisbury, in action. They had a point, too. But the Pakistanis, for their part, gained more satisfaction from the presence in the England attack of Devon Malcolm, whose seven overs have so far cost 43 runs.

Malcolm has been brought back not because he has been bowling well, which he has not, but because he is, or can be, fast. It was thought he satisfied the need for variety. In English cricket the combination of high speed and genuine quality has always been rated more than six. Even in his forties, Allen could still bowl very fast, but it was not until the early 1950s that any Englishman emerged who could answer Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall with like for like. Then, suddenly, there was Frank Tyson, Fred Trueman, Brian Statham and Peter Loader, all vying for places in the England side.

Watching together at Lord's yesterday were two former England captains, near contemporaries, fine batsmen and wonderful delvers into the past. Bob Wyatt and Cyril Walters. Their unbroken partnership adds up to 178 years.

As fast as anyone in the county championship between 1918 and 1939, though he was not an Englishman, was Ted McDonald: "The first time I played him," Walters said, "he had

no one in front of the wicket" — which suggests that, like the modern West Indians, he pitched precious little up to the batsman.

Giving Michael Holding and Jeff Thomson and the South African, Cuan McCarthy, a rating of nine out of ten for speed, for the first seven or eight years after the last war there was no Englishman who would have rated more than six. Even in his forties, Allen could still bowl very fast, but it was not until the early 1950s that any Englishman emerged who could answer Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall with like for like. Then, suddenly, there was Frank Tyson, Fred Trueman, Brian Statham and Peter Loader, all vying for places in the England side.

Twenty years later, after watching Thomson and Dennis Lillee bowl West Indies out cheaply in a Test match at Adelaide, I asked Sir Donald Bradman what he had thought of it. "They are good enough to have

run through any side," And the fastest bowler he ever saw? Not Larwood, as I thought he was sure to say in view of the Bodyline series of 1932-3, but Tyson in Australia in 1954-5. "Yes, Tyson struck me as being just the fastest."

And since Tyson and the rest of that quartet retired, more or less together, only John Snow and Bob Willis among Englishmen have been able to stand up over any length of time to the rising tide of West Indian pace.

One last thing about Tyson, which might, perhaps, interest Malcolm. He became an instantly better bowler — faster and more accurate — when he cut down his run. After an ominously awful start to that 1954-5 tour against a West Australian Country XI, he reduced it by more than half, and proceeded to bowl as fast as anyone ever has.

I have thought for a long time that limiting by law, a bowler's run-up needs to be given more serious consideration than it ever has. Why not 25 yards, with a start being made in the schools as soon as possible?

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Lathwell displays his rich promise

BY JACK HAILEY

BATH (first day of the Somerset was fought. Some in head, are 372 runs being.

11 REMAINS as always at Bath even though he has done one side of the game which looks like a better encampment. It's a stretch executive Bedouin of course, but there was more than usual enjoyment to be had there yesterday. We were lucky enough to see a century by Mark Lathwell, the first scored by anyone in Somerset this season, and such is Lathwell's promise that they may well come one's presence on such a

Lathwell's progress has gone unnoticed. The danger that too much will be premature praise can be a point out that Lathwell dropped a third slip of the Juniper when he had made dropped off a sharp return from a player of streaky strike. But having said that

Well, the big has class to a definition relating now to the fact that he has now seven scores of over 50 in completed innings, but less ability, possessed by less men, to play the ball back past and to place his shot good one for a single.

It all comes initially seeing the ball earlier the most. The test is major poor morale. Lathwell & play some shots from the best post-war plateau. Peter May for one who forced off the back foot of mid-on, and it was a set such promise.

Lathwell is fortunate at the opening partner Haynes' experience was invaluable the two put on 120 for the first wicket, of which Lathwell made 81. The 2nd pair was less well served when the threshold of the hundred was depredated to such an extent that Lathwell took 41 to Lathwell's 10, not counted but perhaps a little card.

Anyhow Lathwell came only from 148 balls. He hit nine fours and due to bumper outfield to less than eight three. He had up the Somerset times. Harder took advantage the tone of 73 from five balls than Lathwell took to his century. Burns and Ray played their runs and Lathwell's declaration left Surrey with four overs to eventually negotiate.

Colonial sterlings have an official letter seven a bucking up team boat. Andy Robertson, after a half hour's wait at Wimborne, had to wait at the start of the race after holding a Atlantic three after holding a boat from Kent. Mattews Fleming and the apparently throwing the boat in the departing boat who had, in the previous days, for six.

All day ride

Cycling: Glen Longland, the only Briton to beat 300 miles in a 12-hour trial, rides the national 24 hours champion today over a Fenland course aiming to better Roy Cromack's record of 507 miles set in 1969.

Sea upsets

Yachting: Two more sailors in the Europe 1 single-handed trans-Atlantic race ran into trouble battling strong winds to reach the Newport finish. Robin Deasy in the Spirit of Ireland trimaran abandoned the boat after hitting a log. Paul Vatine's trimaran Haute Normandie hit an unknown object 150 miles from Newport. He reported: "The boat was stopped completely. There is delamination around the centre board area of the main hull and the board is jammed fully down."

Le Mans cheer

Motor sport: The Le Mans 24-hour race was starting at 4pm today uplifted by assurances from the Fisa president, Max Mosley, that such traditional events were more important than the world sponsorships and that coming new rules will admit supercars alongside existing machines. Thirty cars are taking part, the lowest number in 50 years.

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Former Wimbledon champion relishes the prospect of recapturing her singles title

Underdog's life appeals to Navratilova

BY ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

MARTINA Navratilova has not passed this way before. Her traditional preparation for Wimbledon has been to win the Pilkington Glass championships in Eastbourne, but that chance has been denied her this year and, after her second-round loss to Linda Harvey-Wild, Navratilova has found herself with time on her hands and not enough time to rest.

If she manages to survive to the semi-final, she might well get the chance to cross swords with Seles on her beloved centre court, which would be as much an ordeal for Seles as it would for Navratilova. If Seles has a weakness, a serve-and-volleyer playing at her best will find it out, and there is still no better example of that than Navratilova.

What, though, are the differences between losing at the age of 18 and losing at the age of 35? "When you are young, you just go on. When you are 35, there is the temptation to listen to the voices telling you to retire. But I look at myself as Martina the tennis player, not Martina the 35-year-old woman. I'm lucky still to be playing and I realize that.

"I enjoy playing Wimbledon now as the underdog rather than the favourite, it's easier emotionally. But when I do lose, sometimes I ask, 'Am I too old?'

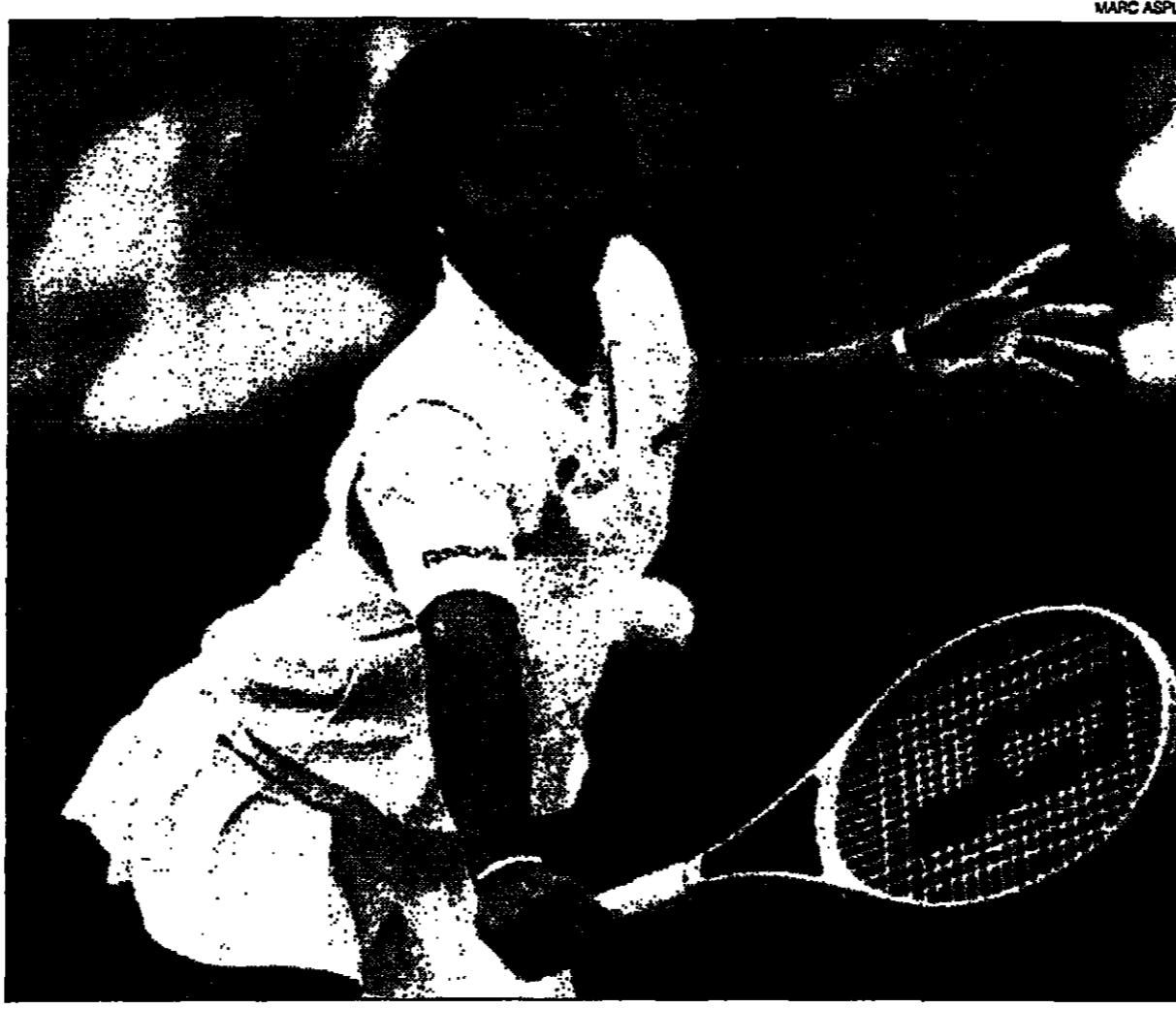
Navratilova will know a little better over the next fortnight whether the voices in the back of her mind are right or not. Nobody wants to watch a great champion in endless decline.

Navratilova is also concerned that when she does go, there will be nobody willing to take on the responsibilities for advertising and promoting the women's game. "Steffi has been taking on responsibility a little bit and Monica

takes a good game, but neither one is on the Board of Directors for the Women's Tennis Association."

In her absence from her regular beat, Lori McNeil reached the final at Eastbourne yesterday. After two long interruptions for rain, McNeil, an instinctive serve-and-volleyer, proved too strong for fellow American, Mary Joe Fernandez, who is still learning the trade. Three successive volley errors in the first-set tie-breaks convinced the No. 2 seed that she was out of her depth and she collapsed thereafter, losing 6-6.

Brad Gilbert was beaten 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 by Luis Herrera, of Mexico, in the quarter-finals of the Direct Line Insurance tournament at Manchester.



At full stretch: McNeil on her way to semi-final victory over Fernandez at Eastbourne yesterday

Kitty Godfree dies at age of 96

THE death of Kitty Godfree, at the age of 96, has deprived Wimbledon of its oldest and one of its most gracious champions (Andrew Longmore writes).

For more than 50 years, since she retired from the game, she has been an ever-present in the members' seats on centre court, casting a kindly but sharp eye over her successors as Wimbledon champion.

As Kathleen McCane, she

reached the Wimbledon singles final three times, losing to the great French champion, Suzanne Lenglen, in 1923 and winning two titles in 1924 and 1926.

She was also beaten by Lenglen in the final of the French Open and by Helen Wills in the final of the US Open, both in 1925, and won five Olympic medals at the Games of 1920 and 1924.

Just a few months before her death, with typical hum-

our and honesty, she recalled her long rivalry with Lenglen. "I played her many times, but I don't think I ever beat her. I thought I might at times, but if you ever tried to take the match away from her, you got into awful trouble. She was just too good," she said.

Another former champion, Fred Perry, aged 83, said: "I was amazed by her vitality. There was far more fun at her table than anybody else's during Wimbledon."

FOOTBALL

Scotland prepare to build on their Swedish platform

BY RODDY FORSYTH

ALTHOUGH, as predicted, they returned from the European championship finals by the first available plane yesterday morning, the mood of the Scottish party was far from despondent. Whistling "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" as they boarded their flight to Glasgow, the players kept up a barrage of songs and banter for most of the journey, buoyed by their emphatic 3-0 victory over the CIS in Norrköping on Thursday evening.

The atmosphere was characteristic of a group of footballers who believe that they acquitted themselves well in Sweden and, with a little luck, might have taken their place in the semi-finals of the competition. They undoubtedly enjoyed a degree of good fortune against the hapless CIS, a team which reached the end of its brief and curious existence with a dispiriting defeat at the hands of underrated opponents.

"They definitely believed that they would get something from us without too much difficulty", Richard Gough said yesterday. Gough was one of two Rangers players who captained their respective countries in the Idrottsplanken on Thursday — the other being Alexei Mikhalechenko of the CIS, who afterwards told his club colleague that the beaten players were in a state of astonishment at the severity of the setback that had overtaken them.

Scotland had, after all, never beaten these opponents in their previous incarnation as the Soviet Union, nor were they widely fancied to alter the pattern in the context of group two, from which the CIS had a chance of qualifying. In fact, had the CIS simply managed to achieve a draw against the Scots, they

would have gone on to face Sweden in Stockholm on Sunday instead of Germany.

Scotland's victory was, in some ways, a reversal of their difficulties in the earlier games against Holland and Germany. Where they contained the Dutch until the final 15 minutes of the contest in Gothenburg, only to be capsized by Bergkamp's lethal pounce, so they fended off a CIS revival to secure Thursday's victory with McClintock's late penalty kick. Just as a deflection from Malpas cost the critical second goal against Germany, so McClintock's drive was redirected sufficiently by Tschadadze to beat Kharin and put Scotland 2-0 ahead on Thursday.

Luck, then, was distributed in even portions, although the Scots would have preferred that a little more had been administered in their favour against Holland and less against the CIS.

Looking to the future, the Scots have built themselves a solid-looking platform for the World Cup qualifying campaign, which begins in September with a visit to Berne where they drew 2-2 with Switzerland last year on the way to Sweden.

"This is the best footballing side I have played with for Scotland", Paul McStay said yesterday. "Other sides may have had some individuals who were very gifted, but we really emphasise team spirit and I think that is what makes us so difficult to beat and what maybe surprised the Dutch and Germans when we went at them."

"In any case, I don't think anyone would argue after this that we have the finest supporters in the world and we simply wouldn't do anything to let them down if we could help it."

BOWLS

Johnston lines up second gold medal

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

MARGARET Johnston, of Ireland, will meet Audrey Rutherford, of Australia, in today's women's world singles final at Ayr, while Scotland play New Zealand in the four's gold medal.

Janet Akland, of Penrith, whose chances of retaining the Henselite singles title disappeared on Thursday, compiled her group matches in style and had the doubtful satisfaction of denying Sarah Gourlay, of Scotland, a place in the final.

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when Akland drove the shot. The Scot's all-or-nothing firing shot carried the jack to the ditch, but wood and jack parted company and Akland won the long measure.

Norma Shaw, of England, the 1981 world champion, salvaged some pride when she lowered Johnston's colours in the bronze medal play-off, where she will meet Liz James, of Swaziland.

Johnston will be trying for her second gold medal of the championships, as will Joyce Lindores, Janice Maxwell and Frances Whyte, of Scotland, the triples winners, who contest the fours with their skip, Senga McCrone.

Ireland ensured Scotland's place in the four's final, beating Australia in the final session. Australia will thus play England for the bronze medal.

POLO

Caltrop have free rein

THE tournament for the Royal Windsor Cup entered the semi-final phase at Smith's Lawn yesterday with the contest between Caltrop, the squad put together by the Dutch player, Francis Michael Claessen, and Bandits John Watson writes.

The pitch received such a drenching that it was touch and go as to whether play would proceed.

The rain continued throughout the match and, although the ponies' feet held the turf well, conditions for players were abysmal. Within a couple of chukkas the ground was reduced to a sea of divots. Bandits received a half and

